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**Inquiry into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
Public Hearing –Friday, 24 August 2018
Questions Taken on Notice
Australian Council for International Development**

1 HANSARD, pp 49–50

Senator MOORE: Mr Purcell, just for the record, can you tell us who the council is?

Mr Purcell: The Australian Council for International Development is—

Senator MOORE: No, that's the report that's coming out—

Mr Purcell: Oh: the council for national sustainable development?

Senator MOORE: Yes. I just think it's important to put that on the record.

Mr Purcell: That was a body that was created a decade ago. I might take it on notice and get you the proper transcript, but there are a number of people behind it, including John Thwaites and others who are very committed in this sustainable development space.

Senator MOORE: And, from my point of view, they almost act as a civil society voice—

Mr Purcell: Domestically, yes.

ANSWER

The transcript Mr Purcell refers to on pg. 49-50 of the record is the SDG Progress Report (<https://www.sdgtransformingaustralia.com/>), which provides key information about how Australia is progressing towards achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The data and evidence in the report was compiled by the National Sustainable Development Council.