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**Senator:** Moore

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**Question:**

**Senator MOORE:** I have a couple of follow-up questions on the Sustainable Development Goals. I know Ms Hatfield Dodds has been hanging out for these questions. We spoke at the last estimates about the issue around the working groups and the secretary's group that are working together. Your department, through yourself, takes leaderships on the domestic elements of SDG and DFAT takes ownership of the international ones. I followed up and found out that there have been two meetings of the senior officers' group. Can you give me an indication of how many meetings the working groups, that are feeding off that central group, have had?

**Ms Hatfield Dodds:** I know that the working group that reports to the deputy secretary's group has met at least twice. I think it might have met more times.

**Senator MOORE:** You can take it on notice.

**Ms Hatfield Dodds:** I can take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The Deputy Secretary Interdepartmental Committee has met twice:

- 16 May 2017
- 14 September 2016

The First Assistant Secretary Working Group has met twice:

- 17 March 2017
- 24 November 2016.

Both groups will continue to meet to progress this work.