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Senator Siewert asked:

How actively was the advisory panel engaged in the preparation of the NTER evaluation report? How long did they have to review the report?

Answer:

The Independent Advisory Group was actively engaged. Each advisor was progressively provided each of the draft chapters for review in mid-September. The chapter authors and the advisors were then brought together at a two day workshop in Sydney on 28 and 29 September to discuss the content of each chapter. This was done systematically so that each Advisor got to talk to each independent author with their feedback, questions and suggestions. The independent authors provided positive feedback to FaHCSIA both on the usefulness of the workshop and the quality of the comments from the Advisory Group.

Following the September workshop each chapter was then reviewed, further analysis undertaken and updated draft chapters were produced. These revised chapters were provided to the Advisory Group in mid-October and a final workshop was held with the Advisors and FaHCSIA on 20 October 2012. The primary purpose of the 20 October workshop was to provide comments on a draft overview chapter prepared by an independent author. The Advisory Group was also provided with a further opportunity to comment on the draft chapters.