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Senator Bernardi asked:

Please provide a list of organisations that the Department is engaging with about the potential role of a National Children's Commissioner. What are the costs of consultation thus far and the expectations of costs going forward? Please provide documentation associated with the consultation.

Answer:

Since 2008, consultations on the potential role of a National Children's Commissioner have included the general public, children and young people, non-government organisations, children's commissioners and guardians and state and territory government agencies.

A full list of organisations engaged in the December 2011 consultation process run by the Department is at **Attachment A**.

Feedback on the issues in the discussion paper, which was prepared to lead the consultations, was provided by two one-hour long teleconferences and an online submission process. The direct supplier cost of the most recent consultation was \$367.20.

The discussion paper was distributed electronically and is available online at:
http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/progserv/Child_Abuse_Prevention/Pages/ncc_draft_.aspx

Further work is a decision for Government.