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Topic: Social Services Ministerial Advisory Council

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Senator McLucas asked:

I refer to page 73 of the estimates transcript for 27/2/14. Has the Social Services Ministerial Advisory Council, which sits within the portfolio, met to date? If not, when is it proposed to meet?

Who are the members of the Social Services Ministerial Advisory Council? Does it include representatives from the housing and homelessness sectors?

Answer:

The Minister for Social Services has decided there will be no new distinct Social Services Ministerial Advisory Council. Instead, existing and soon-to-be established Departmental advisory mechanisms will be used to conduct portfolio-wide consultations on deregulation issues.

Once the appropriate advisory mechanisms have been finalised for the housing and homelessness sectors, membership will be drawn from among representatives in each of the sectors.