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Topic: Carers

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Senator Moore asked:

The Coalition's 2013 election promises included a commitment to establish an industry advisory council for the disability and carer sector. The council was to be co-chaired by a respected industry expert and by the Minister for Disabilities and Carers. The advisory council would provide advice and recommendations on proposed legislation or policies affecting the disability and carer sector. It would convene at least once every six months and the Minister would be required to attend at least two of the council's meetings each year. What is the status of this commitment, including the timeframe for the establishment of the industry advisory council? How has it been incorporated into Departmental planning and projections?

Answer:

The establishment of an industry advisory council for the disability and carer sector is included in the Department's processes for monitoring election commitments.