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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Can we get an update on that whole thing on notice in terms of what is happening, with the consideration of looking at the past and whether there has been a pattern. As this last round was not publicised, and was not advertised in a public way, did publicly available merit based criteria apply to the selection of the appointments?

Answer:

Decisions on appointments to the Australian Multicultural Council have been decisions of the government of the day.

While there have been previous similar bodies in operation for many years, the Australian Multicultural Council was established in 2011 by the then government which selected members through an open selection process. The term of that Council ceased on 30 June 2014.

Appointments to the current Australian Multicultural Council were made by the Government and announced by Minister Andrews on 15 December 2014.