

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Diabetes

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Gallagher, Katy

**Question:**

- a) How many recommendations were made by The National Diabetes Strategy Expert Advisory group to Government?
- b) How many of these recommendations have been adopted by the Government?
- c) In regards to the recommendations made by the expert advisory group and not adopted by the Government, which ones were they and for what reason/s were they rejected by the Government and not included in the National Diabetes Strategy?
- d) Can the Department outline what is the implementation Strategy and will the Department be going to involve any external, experts in the implementation of the National Diabetes Strategy and if so, who? Or will it involve the experts who put this strategy together in the first place?

**Answer:**

a) to d)

The National Diabetes Strategy Advisory Group (NDSAG) provided its advice in a report to the Health Minister in August 2015. Consistent with NDSAG's Terms of Reference, the NDSAG did not make recommendations to Government. NDSAG's advice informed the development of the Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020 (the Strategy).

On 2 October 2015, Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council agreed an implementation plan for the Strategy would be developed in negotiation with states and territories. A cross-jurisdictional implementation working group has been established to progress this work. The group met on 26 February 2016. The working group will determine the consultation process and the involvement of experts in developing the implementation plan, including the use of members of the NDSAG, which was a time-limited group concluding on 31 December 2015.