

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- a) Senator CAMERON: How many meetings had DHS had with the scoping study people prior to your taking over? Would that be in your brief?

Mr Hutson: We will have to take that on notice.

- b) Senator CAMERON: Are there file notes in relation to those conversations and meetings?

Mr Hutson: I expect that there would be some notes on those meetings, yes.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide the file notes and the details of the meetings—that is, these informal meetings—that took place?

Mr Hutson: We will search the file and see what we have. We will take it on notice.

Answer:

- a) Prior to Ms Rosemary Deininger commencing in that role, the Department of Human Services attended three Australian Hearing Scoping Study Steering Committee meetings, held on 11 September 2014, 9 October 2014 and 7 November 2014.
- b) In addition, the Department of Human Services attended approximately a dozen informal face-to-face meetings to discuss matters including stakeholder engagement and the National Disability Insurance Scheme consultation strategy. There were also phone calls. As is usual for discussions of this nature, formal file notes were not created.