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Senator: Ludlam, Scott

Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, I get that. I do not think I am giving away trade secrets here. The NCNED is not intending—as far as I am aware—to apply for any of the funding that they would be designing the guidelines around. Rather than me being some kind of awkward intermediary, have you had any discussions with them directly about their participation in the reference group?

Prof. Kelso: I have not personally. I would need to seek the advice of our team as to whether there has been any such discussion.

Senator LUDLAM: If you could.

Prof. Kelso: I would be surprised if there has been at this stage, but, if there has been, we can let you know.

Answer:

No, as of 13 June 2017 the staff of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) have not had any discussions with the NCNED about their participation in a reference group on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.