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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Are you aware if the council has ever discussed drug testing, in the context in which it is being applied? I am not asking for the advice. I am asking—

Dr Studdert: To give you an exact answer, given that the life of ANACAD precedes all of us, we could review the agenda and certainly give you a yes or no answer on that question.

Senator SIEWERT: It would be appreciated.

Answer:

The Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD) had not discussed drug testing of welfare recipients prior to the budget announcement. ANACAD did discuss the drug testing measure with officers from the Department of Social Services at their 17-18 May 2017 meeting.