

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 239

**Topic:** National Disability Insurance Scheme

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

What are the specific roles and responsibilities of the senior officials working group?

**Answer:**

The Senior Officials Working Group supports:

- the Select Council of Ministers on Disability Reform in its role progressing the foundations for disability reform and reflecting and giving effect to the high level principles for a National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
- the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations in relation to consideration of a National Injury Insurance Scheme.

The Senior Officials' Working Group will provide written advice to

- the Select Council of Ministers on Disability Reform in advance of Select Council meetings; and
- where appropriate, the National Disability Insurance Scheme Advisory Group for the Advisory Group's consideration and advice.