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Senator Waters asked:

Has there been consultation between officers working in the Housing and Homelessness areas of the Department, and the officers administering the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children? Please provide detail on the nature of the discussions.

Answer:

Policy areas within the Department of Social Services (the Department), including the Housing and Homelessness Branch and the Family Safety Branch routinely, consult with other areas of the Department through the policy development process.

In developing the Second Action Plan, officers administering the National Plan spoke to relevant areas in the Department, including officers in the Housing and Homelessness Branch. The Housing and Homelessness Branch was also represented on an Inter-Departmental Committee on Women's Safety, which supported the Second Action Plan's development.