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Senator Waters asked:

Please provide the scope of collaboration and consultation with PM&C on the Housing and Homelessness Review and the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children.

Answer:

The Government has decided that the primary vehicle for considering housing and homelessness issues will be the White Paper on Reform of the Federation.

In this context, the Department of Social Services (the Department) has provided factual information on housing assistance and homelessness services and a list of housing and homelessness stakeholders, such as peak bodies and other representative groups, to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). The Department has also provided feedback to PM&C on early drafts of the Housing and Homelessness Issues Paper.

The Department is represented on interdepartmental committees responsible for advancing the White Paper on Reform of the Federation.

Minister Andrews, with the Department, is leading the implementation of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022* (the National Plan), and its Second Action Plan.

As Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, Minister Cash led the development of the Second Action Plan and has an ongoing interest in the National Plan.

The Department is supporting the Office for Women in the advice they provide Minister Cash about violence against women and progress under the Second Action Plan.