

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: McClure Review

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide details of all consultations that have taken place by Mr McClure/the review team since the Government received the interim report, including number of consultations, details of parties consulted and the outcomes of those consultations.

Answer:

The Reference Group held a total of 13 roundtable consultations with key stakeholders in state and territory capital cities and in Cairns. Details of the date, location and attendees is on the departmental website relating to the review <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/review-of-australias-welfare-system/stakeholder-consultations>

The Reference Group also held five meetings with people receiving income support payments in:

- Brisbane on 26 August with a group of 11 carers and 13 people with disability;
- Melbourne on 19 August with a group of 8 sole parents and 12 jobseekers; and
- Sydney on 29 August with a group of 10 students.

Reference Group members have also met with the following stakeholders:

- 4 July 2014 – Brotherhood of St Lawrence – Melbourne
- 6–9 July 2014 – Ministry of Social Development – New Zealand
- 6–9 July 2014 – New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services and Community Networks Aotearoa – New Zealand
- 6–9 July 2014 – Families Commission – New Zealand
- 6–9 July 2014 – The Treasury – New Zealand
- 6–9 July 2014 – Work and Income Board – New Zealand
- 6–9 July 2014 – Kilbirnie Community Link – New Zealand
- 17 July 2014 – Baptist Care (SA) Youth Connections – Adelaide
- 17 July 2014 – Jobs Statewide Inc – Adelaide
- 31 July 2014 – Remote Jobs and Communities Program – Humpty Doo, Darwin
- 31 July 2014 – Income Management staff, Department of Human Services – Palmerston, Darwin
- 5 August 2014 – Orygen Youth Health – Sydney
- 5 August 2014 – Age Discrimination Commissioner – Sydney
- 6 August 2014 – Disability Employment Australia – Gold Coast
- 07 August 2014 – Trevor Huddleston CBE, – Canberra
- 11 August 2014 – Partners in Recovery service – Hobart
- 11 August 2014 – Headspace service – Hobart

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- 12 August 2014– Social Ventures Australia – Sydney
- 14 August 2014 – Foyer Oxford service – Perth
- 14 August 2014 – Bentley Individual Placement Service – Perth
- 18 August 2014 – Orygen Youth Health – Melbourne
- 18 August 2014– Headspace – Melbourne
- 1 September 2014 – Foundation House – Canberra
- 25 September 2014 – Headspace – Sydney
- 07 November 2014 – National Mental Health Commission – Sydney
- 07 November 2014 – Business Council of Australia – Sydney

The information obtained during the consultations has been used by the Reference Group to develop their Final Report, which is due to be provided to the Minister for Social Services in the second half of 2014.