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Topic: Précis of work undertaken for the PMC

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Senator McLucas asked:

As agreed in the hearing, please provide a précis of the work undertaken for the Department of PM & C in relation to the Issues Paper and all background briefings undertaken by DSS in relation to the Reform of Federation White Paper and the Tax White paper.

Answer:

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.

Background briefs on the housing and homelessness Issues Paper have been prepared to support the Department's representatives attending interdepartmental committees. The Department has also prepared briefs on the Issues Paper process for Minister Andrews and the Department's Senior Executive.

No background briefs have been prepared on the Tax White paper.