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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Senator MOORE: Mr Bowles, I spoke with you briefly before. I am wanting to find out what the department's engagement is with the full national response to the sustainability goals.

Mr Bowles: I will see if Mr Cormack can help me on this. This goes across a whole range of different areas of the department.

Senator MOORE: Absolutely.

Mr Bowles: It probably does fit here more than anywhere.

Senator MOORE: If there is something that needs to go on notice that is fine as well. I understand that the position is that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is leading the government's response—

Mr Bowles: That is correct.

Senator MOORE: but they formed an interdepartmental committee. I am really keen to know whether Health are on it. I presume they are. Who is going and what do they see their role as being?

Mr Bowles: As you say, Foreign Affairs and Trade are the lead. We get engaged from time to time. As you said, there is some whole-of-government stuff that happens in the background. I am not sure if we will have the answers for your specific questions around that. We can take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: Sure.

Answer:

The Department of Health (Health) is a member of the high-level inter-departmental committee (IDC) on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, co-chaired by DFAT and PM&C. Health is represented at Deputy Secretary level. The role of members is to contribute to ensuring a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to how Australia gives effect to the 2030 Agenda, domestically and internationally, and how we report on our progress.