

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group

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**QUESTION No.** AI-14

**Senator KIM CARR:** That is very good. What has happened to PIWG?

**Mr Chesworth:** It was determined that PIWG would no longer meet. My understanding—

**Senator KIM CARR:** Sorry, let me make that clear. It was determined that PIWG would no longer meet?

**Mr Chesworth:** That is correct.

**Senator KIM CARR:** When was that determined?

**Mr Chesworth:** I recall it was around October and November last year. But I would have to take the exact date on notice to see if I could find out when that occurred.

**ANSWER**

In the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic & Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) released on 15 December 2015, the Australian Government announced that the PIWG would cease as part of the Government's agenda of delivering a smaller Government footprint.