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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Building Ministers' Forum

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-95

The Building Ministers' Forum Communique of 31 July 2015 referred to the establishment of a Working Group of senior officers to report to Ministers on strategies to minimise the risks associated with non-conforming building products. In relation to the Working Group:

- a. How many members are on the Working Group? Please provide a breakdown between the state and federal government agencies?
- b. Has the Working Group delivered a report or interim report? If so, what strategies were recommended? If not, when can we expect that report?
- c. Will the Working Group consult with industry and other stakeholders?
- d. Will the Working Group take into account the Senate Inquiry into Non-Conforming building products, which has received submissions from more than 60 businesses, association and industry stakeholders?

ANSWER

- a. All jurisdictions, including the Australian Government, are represented on the Senior Officers' Group (SOG) with up to two members each.
- b. The SOG has not yet delivered a report or an interim report. The SOG's report will be considered by the Building Ministers' Forum at its next meeting, planned for 19 February 2016.
- c. The SOG is consulting with a range of industry and other stakeholders.
- d. The SOG is considering information from a range of sources, including submissions made to the Senate Inquiry into non-conforming building products.