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Question:

What is the Department's/Taskforce's view as to the adequacy of the current level of rehabilitation services in Australia?

Answer:

The National Ice Taskforce ('the Taskforce') consulted with local communities, and heard from experts and individuals who have a particular expertise in relation to drug addiction and support services. This included gathering information about relevant rehabilitation services available in Australia.

The outcomes of these consultations, along with the input received from written submissions to the Taskforce will inform the Taskforce's deliberations. The Taskforce delivered an interim report to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on 23 July 2015. All governments agreed to work with the Taskforce to develop a National Ice Action Strategy for agreement at the next COAG meeting.