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Senator: Senator Larissa Waters

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Question:

Senator WATERS: I want to move quickly to the National Plan Implementation Panel, which formerly provided for input from the states, the non-government sector and front-line groups on the implementation of the national plan. My understanding is that the NPIP was cut recently. Given that its role was to provide feedback, particularly of what those in the community thought of the plan, can you tell me what was the policy reasoning for disbanding the NPIP?

Ms McDevitt: I might have to take some of the details on notice, but my understanding is that NPIP was disbanded. I do not think it had met for a while, but I will take the detail of that on notice.

Senator WATERS: Does the minister assisting have a view on that?

Senator Cash: I would take that on notice.

Senator WATERS: Nobody knows why it was disbanded, but thank you and I will await your response. Have you had any feedback from the sector about the disbanding of NPIP?

Ms McDevitt: Again, I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Second Action Plan provided an opportunity to re-energise governance arrangements, informed by national consultations including national roundtables and a written submission process.

Neither the Minister nor the Department are aware of any feedback from the sector about NPIP not continuing into the Second Action Plan.