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Question:

Can you please provide some details about the Indigenous Policy Committee of Cabinet and detail the process that was followed in order to put this Committee together and what its responsibilities are?

- a) Who are the members of this policy committee?
- b) How often does it meet?
- c) Who chairs these meetings?
- d) What processes do they follow?
- e) What are the intended outcomes?

Answer:

The Indigenous Policy Committee (IPC) of Cabinet was established in 2016. The Prime Minister is responsible for the membership of the Cabinet and Cabinet committees, determines and regulates all Cabinet arrangements for the Government and is the final arbiter of Cabinet procedures.

- a) The members of IPC are:

Chair: Prime Minister: The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Deputy Chair: Minister for Indigenous Affairs: Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion
Members:
Cabinet Secretary: Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO
Attorney-General: Senator the Hon George Brandis QC
Minister for Health and Aged Care: The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for Employment and Women: Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
Minister for Education and Training: Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
Minister for Social Services: The Hon Christian Porter MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport: The Hon Darren Chester MP
Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care: The Hon Ken Wyatt MP

- b) The Cabinet Secretary is responsible for advising the Prime Minister on Cabinet committee meeting dates.
- c) The Prime Minister, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull, MP chairs the IPC meetings. The Deputy Chair for IPC meetings is the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion.
- d) The IPC is a committee of Cabinet and follows Cabinet processes. Decisions of the IPC must be endorsed by the Cabinet.
- e) The IPC has been established to ensure a whole-of-government approach to Indigenous policy decision-making and program implementation.