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Question

Schools and Youth and National Trade Cadetships

Senator EDWARDS: Are you able to provide on notice for me that range of references for the panel? Ms Paul: Are you asking for who we advised the minister of? Senator EDWARDS: No, not at all. What you people identified as the skills required to fit that panel's needs. Ms Paul: Sure. Senator EDWARDS: This is not about the people. Okay? Ms Smith: Yes. Ms Paul: That is fine.

Answer

In the establishment of the National Trade Cadetship Advisory Panel, consideration was given to the expertise that would be required to advise the Minister on development and implementation of the initiative. The Panel's Terms of Reference state that 'Members will be appointed with a view to ensuring that the Panel has the necessary skills and diversity to carry out its advisory responsibilities. Membership should also reflect the diversity of key stakeholders from industry, education, unions, vocational education and training and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.' Nominees were selected using these criteria.