

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No. **EW0406_10**

Senator Payne provided in writing:

Question

Youth Affairs

On Monday 12 October 2009 the office of the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth contacted the electorate office of the Shadow Minister informing her that the Minister would be holding 6 roundtables for youth in the coming sitting weeks.

- When were these roundtables first flagged?
- When were the dates for these roundtables finalised?
- What are the dates for the roundtables?
- What is the purpose of these roundtables?
- How many young people are expected to attend all of these roundtables?
- Are they being held as part of the Australian Youth Forum?

Answer

The Minister approved the format and timing of the roundtables in early October 2009.

On 22 October 2009, the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP and the Hon Kate Ellis MP, launched the National Conversation to consult with young people and the broader community on the development of the Australian Government's National Strategy for Young Australians. The first of a series of seven roundtables commenced on Wednesday 21 October 2009, with the final roundtable on Thursday 29 October 2009. Approximately twenty young people per roundtable were invited to attend.

Roundtables were run as part of the Australian Youth Forum and provided participants with the opportunity to discuss and comment on a number of topics around the National Strategy for Young Australians.