

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

- As chair of the 2014 G20 will Australia be pushing a strong agenda for this forum?
- What progress has been made on planning and building this agenda?
- Will climate change be on the agenda in Brisbane?

Answer:

- Yes.
- The Prime Minister's overview of Australia's presidency, which outlines the agenda, released in December 2013, can be found here:

https://www.g20.org/sites/default/files/g20_resources/library/2014%20Brisbane/G20Australia2014conceptpaper.pdf

The Prime Minister set out Australia's agenda for an international audience in a keynote address to the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2014.

Initial meetings of Sherpas and Finance Deputies were held in Sydney and Canberra respectively in December 2013 to introduce and build support for the agenda, which focuses on growth, jobs and building the resilience of the global economy.

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at their meeting in Sydney on 22-23 February 2014 committed to developing new measures with the aim of raising the level of G20 GDP by more than 2 per cent above the currently projected level in the next five years, potentially creating millions of new jobs.

Further meetings of working groups across the agenda have been held to flesh out details. A calendar of forthcoming meetings can be found on the G20 website:

https://www.g20.org/australia_2014/event_schedule

Work has also commenced with groups representing different elements of society to build broad support for the agenda.

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- The agenda for the Brisbane Summit is yet to be finalised, but will be set in consultation with the membership.