

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Xenophon

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Question:

What agencies are permanent members of the Task Force and what agencies are ad hoc members?

Answer:

While there are no formal permanent members, regular participants at the taskforce are:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (chair);
- Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (co-chair);
- Attorney-General's Department;
- Australian Agency for International Development;
- Emergency Management Australia;
- Australian Federal Police;
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority;
- Australian Secret Intelligence Service;
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation;
- Department of Defence;
- Department of Finance and Deregulation;
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship;
- Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport;
- Treasury.

The Department of Health and Ageing participates on an ad hoc basis.