

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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**Topic:** Select Council on Disability Reform

**Senator:** Senator Fifield

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**Question:**

- 1) How many times has the Select Council met to discuss the NDIS, since 19 August 2011?
- 2) What dates did they meet?
- 3) Who was in attendance?
- 4) Are communiques released following each meeting?
  - a) If no agreement is reached, is that communicated to PMandC?
  - b) When is the next scheduled meeting of the Select Council?
- 5) Has the Select Council has briefings from external bodies?
  - a) Which meetings received external input?
  - b) Which stakeholders were consulted?
- 6) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform consulted with, or received input from the NDIS Advisory Group?
- 7) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform met with the NDIS Advisory Group?
  - a) How many times have the two groups met?
  - b) What dates did they meet?
  - c) Where did they meet?
- 8) What were the specific agenda items at the meetings between the Select Council on Disability Reform and the NDIS Advisory group?
- 9) What are the reporting requirements of the Select Council on Disability Reform?

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- 10) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform provided any reports or feedback to COAG, based on meetings with stakeholders, or interested parties?
- 11) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform provided any reports or feedback to COAG based on meetings with stakeholders, or interested parties?
  - a) What was the feedback received?
  - b) Are the reports available to the public? Where?
- 12) Did the Select Council on Disability Reform report to COAG prior to the COAG Meeting on 13 April 2012?
- 13) Will the Select Council on Disability Reform still be delivering its report on 31 July 2012?

#### **Answer:**

- 1) The Select Council has met twice to discuss the NDIS since 19 August 2011.
- 2) The Select Council met on 20 October 2011 & 9 February 2012.
- 3) Disability ministers and treasurers are members of the Select Council for Disability Reform. Relevant officials from each jurisdiction were also in attendance at these meetings. A list of attendees for the Select Council meetings held 20 October 2011 & 9 February 2012 is attached.
- 4) No. Communiqués have not been issued for meetings held to date.
  - a) As the Secretariat of COAG, PM&C is notified if no agreement is reached at a Select Council meeting.
  - b) There are no meetings of the Select Council currently scheduled.
- 5) Yes.
  - a) At the 20 October 2011 meeting, there was a report from the Productivity Commission and a presentation on an insurance approach from a panel of experts.
  - b) Not applicable – please see answer to question 6 below.

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- 6) Yes. The Select Council received a verbal report from the Chair of the NDIS Advisory Group at its 20 October 2011 meeting and received a verbal and written report from the Chair of the NDIS Advisory Group at its 9 February 2012 meeting.
- 7) No.
- a) Nil.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- 8) Not applicable.
- 9) The Select Council on Disability Reform provides progress reports to COAG with a final report to be provided by December 2014.
- 10) No.
- 11) No.
- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.
- 12) No.
- 13) Yes.