

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: So why were they reconstituted? I am trying to get to why there were two stages here. Was the first consultation deemed not sufficient, or did there need to be further consultation after the specific proposal was released?

Ms Taylor: I believe that these committees were reconstituted following the release of the consultation regulation impact statement. So there was actually a draft on the table at that stage which detailed the substance of the reform-the costs and benefits et cetera.

Mr de Brouwer: It was a very normal process in the sense that the initial consultations occurred with different sectors to get their views. Then the consultation RISs were put out for discussion and consultation. So it is another phase in the process.

Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice which groups were invited back onto those consultation committees but also the groups that were on the first range of committees? I am particularly interested in whether there was a difference in those invited back for the second round of consultation. Is that possible for you to take on notice?

Ms Taylor: Yes, certainly.

Answer:

This information has been provided by the National Occupational Licensing Scheme (NOLS) Taskforce in the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE). The NOLS Taskforce is responsible for the management of this COAG reform. Future questions on NOLS would be best directed to the NOLS Taskforce.

The national licensing policy development process included the establishment of Industry Advisory Committees to assist the COAG National Licensing Steering

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Committee with the development of the elements of licensing policy for the national licensing system in 2010 and 2011. The committee membership is set out below.

INTERIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

OPERATIONAL 2010 – 2011

ELECTRICAL

Member	Organisation
Mr John Ramsay	Chair
Mr Rado Starec	Consumers' Federation of Australia
Mr Brian Kerwood	Australian Industry Group
Mr Peter Tighe	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr John Ingram	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr Adam Beel	Energy Networks Association
Mr Malcolm Richards	Master Electricians Australia
Mr James Tinslay	National Electrical and Communications Association
Mr Bob Taylor	EE-Oz Training Standards
Mr Neil Fraser	Energy Safe Victoria
Mr Rodney Cruice	Queensland's Electrical Safety Office
Mr Robert Faunt	South Australia's Office of Technical Regulator
Mr Don Saunders	Western Australia's Department of Commerce

PROPERTY

Member	Organisation
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Mr David O'Connor	Chair
Mr John Furbank	Consumers' Federation of Australia
Mr Andy Madigan	Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association
Mr Mark Lever	National Community Titles Institute
Mr Jock Kreitals	Real Estate Institute of Australia
Ms Sarah Gray	Real Estate Institute of Australia
Mr Milton Cockburn	Shopping Centre Council of Australia
Ms Barbara El-Gamal	NSW Department of Services, Technology and Administration
Ms Christine Nigro	Victoria Consumer Affairs
Mr Gary Newcombe	WA Department of Commerce
Mr David Magee	Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council

PLUMBING AND GASFITTING

Member	Organisation
Dr David Cousins	Chair
Mr John Furbank	Consumers' Federation of Australia
Mr Doug McClusky	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr Earl Setches	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr Steve Reynolds	LPG Australia
Mr Ken Gardner	Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia
Mr Paul Naylor	Master Plumbers Association of NSW
Mr Stephen Movley	The Institute of Plumbing Australia
Mr Michael McGuinness	QLD's Building Codes Queensland
Mr Peter Day	South Australia's Water Corporation
Mr Alan Humphreys	Tasmania's Department of Justice
Mr Shayne La Combre	Victoria's Plumbing Industry Commission

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Mr Stephen Matheson	Queensland's Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
Mr David Magee	Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council
Ms Carmel Coate	National Fire Industry Association

REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

Member	Organisation
Mr John Ramsay	Chair
Mr Doug McClusky	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr John Ingram	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr Ian Curry	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Mr Graham Mackrill	Air-conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association
Mr Larry Moore	National Electrical and Communications Association
Mr Kevin O'Shea	Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Contractors Association
Mr Patrick McInerney	Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
Ms Regina Haertsch	New South Wales' Fair Trading
Mr Chris Boyle	Queensland Building Services
Mr Shayne La Combre	Victoria's Plumbing Industry Commission
Mr Bob Paton	Manufacturing Industry Skills Council
Mr Glenn Evans	Australian Refrigeration Council

INTERIM OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OLAC) MEMBERSHIP

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The National Occupational Licensing Authority (NOLA) established the interim OLACs in 2012 for each occupation under the provisions of the *Occupational Licensing National Law Act 2010*. The interim OLAC provide advice to NOLA on licensing policy issues and include a balance of expertise relevant to an occupational area across the fields of regulation, industry operations and practices specified in the national legislation. The interim OLACs met in October 2012 and their membership is set out below.

Operational October 2012 – present

ELECTRICAL

Member	Organisation
Mr Albert Koenig (Chair)	NOLA Board
Mr Alex Stanojevic	Australian Industry Group
Mr Allen Hicks	Communications and Electrical Plumbing Union
Mr Keith McKenzie	Electrical Trades Union
Mr Bob Taylor	EE-Oz Training Standards
Mr Malcolm Richards	Master Electricians Australia
Mr Bob Paton	Manufacturing Skills Australia
Mr James Tinslay	National Electrical and Communications Association

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Ms Wendy Machin (Chair)	NOLA Board
Mr Andy Madigan	Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association
Mr Ken Morrison	Property Council of Australia
Ms Amanda Lynch	Real Estate Institute of Australia
Mr Milton Cockburn	Shopping Centre Council of Australia
Mr Mark Lever	Strata Community Australia

PLUMBING AND GASFITTING

Member	Organisation
Mr Graham Anderson (Chair)	NOLA Board
Mr David Eynon	Air-conditioning and Mechanical Services of Australia
Mr Doug McClusky	Plumbing Joint Training Fund
Mr Earl Setches	Plumbing Trades Employees Union
Mr David Magee	Construction and Property Services Skills Council
Mr Stephen Movley	The Institute of Plumbing Australia
Mr Ken Gardner	Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia
Ms Carmel Coate	National Fire Industry Association

REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

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Ms Miranda Douglas-Crane (Chair)	NOLA Board
Mr Graham Mackrill	Air-conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association
Mr Alex Stanojevic	Australian Industry Group
Mr Glenn Evans	Australian Refrigeration Council
Mr David Mier	Communications and Electrical Plumbing Union
Mr Doug McClusky	Plumbing Joint Training Fund
Mr Bob Taylor	EE-Oz Training Standards
Mr Bob Paton	Manufacturing Skills Australia
Mr Larry Moore	National Electricians and Communications Association
Mr Kevin O'Shea	Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Contractors Association