

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Indigenous prisoners with cognitive impairment

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

In relation to indigenous prisoners with cognitive impairment, I was advised by the Attorney-General's Department during additional estimates that in December last year, a decision was made to establish a cooperative working group across the three CEOs group supporting the ministerial councils. That is justice, disability and corrections and that the Attorney-General Department is not on the working group but FaHCSIA is. We have the national justice CEOs, ministerial councils and a cooperative working group across the 3 CEO groups supporting the ministerial councils. Could you draw a diagram outlining the membership of each group and how they interact with each other please?

Answer:

The Formal Network on Mental Illness and Cognitive Disability in the Criminal Justice System has no central oversight body it reports to. Decisions are reached through agreement between the various areas of government.

Disability service agency representatives report to the Standing Council on Community and Disability Services (SCCDS) via the Standing Council on Community and Disability Services Advisory Committee (SCCDSAC).

Justice representatives report to the National Justice CEOs Group.

Corrections representatives report to the Corrective Services Administrators Council.

