

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 8

**Question No:** 519

**Topic:** Ministerial involvement in National Dementia Advisory Group

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Polley** asked:

Please advise of the Minister or his Assistant Minister's involvement with the National Dementia Advisory Group.

Please advise the Department's involvement with the National Dementia Advisory Group, including a list of those directly involved with the group.

Please provide an update of the National Dementia Advisory Group's work and progress since September 2013.

**Answer:**

The Minister met with the Chair and co-Chair of the Advisory Group on 22 January 2014.

The Department of Social Services has worked closely with the Advisory Group. A range of departmental staff have been involved.

The Department is progressing a number of initiatives that were developed in close consultation with the Advisory Group including the new National Framework for Action on Dementia and the development of a clinical handbook on the care of people with cognitive impairment within the context of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.