

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System

Question No: SQ15-000163

Topic: Child Care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

How many times has the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Child Care and Early Learning met?

On what dates?

How long did each meeting go for?

Who attended each meeting?

What was the agenda at each meeting?

Were any papers provided at each meeting?

[if yes] Can those papers be provided to the committee?

Has the Committee made any resolutions or recommendations?

[if yes] Can they be provided to the committee?

What has been the total cost, and the cost of each meeting?

Answer:

How many times has the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Child Care and Early Learning met?

On what dates?

The Ministerial Advisory Council for Child Care and Early Learning has met three times. Meetings were held on 28 July 2014, 18 November 2014 and 16 March 2015. A teleconference was held on 20 February 2015.

How long did each meeting go for?

Meetings are generally held across a full day, from approximately 10 am to 4 pm.

Who attended each meeting?

The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services is the chair of the Council. Prior to December 2014 the Council was chaired by the former Assistant Minister for Education, the Hon Sussan Ley MP. The Council is co-chaired by Dr Jeff Harmer AO.

The table below lists the eleven members of the Council.

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| Ms Kylie Brannelly | Executive Officer, Queensland Children's Activity Network |
| Ms Gwynn Bridge | President, Australian Childcare Alliance, Chief Executive Officer, Childcare Qld |

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| Ms Brianna Casey | Executive Officer, Childcare NSW |
| Ms Ros Cornish | National President, Early Childhood Australia; Chief Executive Officer, Lady Gowrie Tasmania |
| Ms Anita Jovanovski | Chief Executive Officer, NSW Family Day Care Association |
| Ms Christine Legg | Chief Executive Officer, KU Children's Services |
| Ms Judith McKay-Tempest | Associate Lecturer, Early Childhood Education, Macquarie University |
| Ms Carla Northam | Chief Executive Officer, Family Day Care Australia |
| Ms Robyn Paterson | Vice Chairperson, National Association of Mobile Services for Rural and Remote Families and Children; |
| Ms Prue Warrilow | National Convenor, Australian Community Children's Services; Owner and Chief Executive Officer, Families At Work |
| Ms Naomi Wilson | Spectrum Lifestyle Counselling & Coaching (Former Minister for Families Youth and Community Care Queensland) |

What was the agenda at each meeting? Were any papers provided and, if yes, can these be provided to the Committee?

The meetings of the Ministerial Advisory Council are confidential, consistent with the Terms of Reference of the Council, and any papers prepared for the meeting are also confidential.

Has the Committee made any resolutions or recommendations?

The Council is not a decision making body and as such does not make resolutions or recommendations.

What has been the total cost, and the cost of each meeting?

The final costs for the 16 March 2015 meeting are not yet available.

| 28 July 2014 | 18 November 2014 | Total |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| \$11,628.85 | \$9,104.16 | \$20,733.01 |