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Topic: Organisational Structure

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

Can you please explain to the committee which sections of the Department are working on the government's

- Response to the McClure Review
- Response to Andrew Forrest review
- Families package

How do these three pieces of policy fit together in terms of timeline, release date, consultation and policy development, at the departmental level? How many people in the department are working on each area?

Answer:

Work to inform Government is taking place across the Department.

The three pieces of policy work are closely interlinked with other work within the Department and hence it is not possible to separate out the specifically allocated resources.

The Department's approach to developing policy advice emphasises internal consultation to ensure a robust departmental view across its many areas of work.

The release dates in regard to these initiatives are being considered by Government.