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Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Senator GRIFF: I would like to briefly discuss the National Diabetes Strategy 2016 to 2020. Whilst the strategy itself is not too dissimilar to the 2000 to 2004 strategy, the responsibility for action seems to fall on the Australian National Diabetes Strategy implementation group. Is that correct?

Dr Southern: At this present time, yes. The next stage of the process, which was agreed by COAG health ministers, was that we form an implementation group with states and territories to work up an implementation plan for the strategy.

Senator GRIFF: How often does that group meet?

Dr Southern: It met quite a number of times. We might have to take on notice the exact number, but I think it had its most recent meeting about two weeks ago.

Senator GRIFF: If you could let me know that, that would be fantastic. How far have they actually progressed with their five key objectives in the last 12 months?

Dr Southern: The five key objectives under the actual plan?

Senator GRIFF: Yes.

Answer:

The Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020 Implementation Working Group (IWG) has met eight times. This includes six teleconferences and two face to face meetings. IWG meetings to date are as follows:

IWG meeting	Date
Teleconference	26 February 2016
Teleconference	28 April 2016
Teleconference	23 June 2016
Face to face meeting	28 July 2016
Teleconference	20 October 2016
Teleconference	27 October 2016
Teleconference	14 December 2016
Face to face meeting	9 February 2017

Progress regarding the five objectives outlined in the IWG's Terms of Reference is as follows:

- Compile a stocktake on national and state and territory existing diabetes related activities. The stocktake will ensure complementary and not duplicative investment across jurisdictions and the sectors. Progress: Complete.
- Identify gaps and deficiencies within the stocktake for priority actions and assign as short, medium and longer term priorities. Progress: Complete.
- Support the development of indicators, including identification of data sources, collection and reporting methodologies to align with priority actions. Progress: Complete.
- Undertake a targeted consultation on the draft Implementation Plan with key stakeholders and consider outcomes. Progress: Underway. Targeted online consultation closes 31 March 2017.
- Align with other health reform activity, in particular the National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions, and harness opportunities as they arise to streamline government investment. Progress: Ongoing.