

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: Can you tell me what the outcomes were from that roundtable meeting?

Mr Smith: Please bear with me for a moment, Senator.

Ms Jolly: The roundtable canvassed a range of issues around rental regulation and had a relatively broad ranging discussion about the issues that the sector faces. There are recorded minutes of that meeting, which have gone out to participants. That information then flowed into other discussions and provided advice. There were not outcomes in the sense that there were three things decided and that is now what is going forward; it was more a record of discussion of the range of positions and issues that the sector has around pathology rental regulations and the relationship with ACCs.

Senator POLLEY: Are you saying that there was no agreement about what the next step would be in this process? Were there no agreed positions taken at that meeting?

Mr Stuart: It was a consultation discussion and not a deciding discussion.

Senator POLLEY: Is it possible to get a copy of those minutes for the committee?

Mr Bowles: We could take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Roundtable Report was released on 2 November 2016 on the Department of Health's website. A link is included below.

Pathology (Approved Collection Centres) Roundtable on Compliance – Boston Consulting Group Report of Roundtable held on 27 April 2016

<http://wcmprd01.central.health/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/A1099EC555628D73CA2580570001BE56?OpenDocument>