

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**2016-2017 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Moore

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**Question:**

Senator MOORE: Mr Lloyd, can I find out any engagement of yours in the Sustainable Development Goals? I am asking for a particular reason: the department is coordinating agencies across the public sector who may have some input into the SDGs and into our approach domestically and internationally. I am interested to know whether the PSC is involved, because of the genuine interest in effective public sector management, which is one of the performance indicators for the SDGs. Do you know whether your organisation is part of that group?

Mr Lloyd: Which department?

Senator MOORE: PM&C.

Mr Lloyd: PM&C—okay. No I do not, off the top of my head. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: That would be fine, I just wanted to ask the question. Also, is there anyone in your organisation who is working on or looking at things like international public sector and things like the SDGs?

Mr Lloyd: We have a corporate area which covers corporate matters. I imagine anything like that would be dealt with in our corporate group.

Senator MOORE: Can I put that on notice then, Mr Lloyd? Could I get any information from the PSC about your engagement, particularly in that area of effective public sector management?

Mr Lloyd: Yes.

**Answer:**

The Commission is not part of the Deputy Secretary level Inter-Departmental Committee or First Assistant Secretary level Working Group co-chaired by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Government assists countries in our region make progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals through the aid program. The Commission delivers programs with foreign institutional partners in our region to build capacity, public sector capability and good governance practices. These activities are funded through Australia's aid program and deliver against the aid program's priority investment areas.