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Question:

Senator MOORE: In terms of the domestic responsibilities, which is the difference between these and the MDGs, is that really PM&C's focus—if you have divided it between the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade element, and they are quite familiar with the process, and PM&C around the SDGs process, which is new?

Ms Hatfield Dodds: It is new, so we are still really settling how all that will work. But, certainly, it is PM&C's view that this is an international instrument, which is why DFAT is taking the lead. But we have a role, of course, in convening across the APS, looking at all that domestic work, which is particularly useful for DFAT because their expertise is international rather than domestic.

Senator MOORE: What level of resources are allocated within PM&C?

Ms Hatfield Dodds: We have all the resources of the Social Policy Division, who we have been accessing to assist with that coordination and facilitation role. PM&C itself has been involved through some initiatives. The Smart Cities Plan, the Women's Safety Package, and Closing the Gap are all initiatives within PM&C, but the vast majority of the activities and initiatives sit outside in the line portfolios.

Senator MOORE: Can we get a list of all the departments and who the other personnel are in both of those groups?

Ms Hatfield Dodds: Yes.

Answer:

The following Australian Government departments are engaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development high-level meetings:

- Attorney-General's Department
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Federal Police
- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

- Department of Communications and the Arts
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Employment
- Department of Environment and Energy
- Department of Finance
- Department of Health
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Social Services
- The Treasury
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (co-chair)
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (co-chair).