

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Question No:** 22

**Topic:** National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Can you please provide an update on the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children?

- a) When will the Framework be completed?
- b) Who is involved in developing the Framework and what consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders?

**Answer:**

- a) As outlined on page 35 of *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020*, the National Framework is a 12 year strategy agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments in April 2009.
- b) Initial and ongoing consultations to develop and inform the National Framework are outlined on pages 9 and 35 of the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020* and at pages 28-32 of the *Implementing the first three-year action plan, 2009-2012*.

The National Framework is being implemented through the National Framework Implementation Working Group, which reports to the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council. The National Framework Implementation Working Group is made up of representatives from Commonwealth and State and Territory governments, and the non-government sector through the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children (the Coalition). The Coalition is comprised of over 100 non-government organisations including service providers, researchers and key advocates in the areas of child protection and children's wellbeing.