

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice

Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2011

Program: Division or Agency: 2.3: HPaC

Question No: 66

Topic: Suburban Jobs program

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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE: How many stakeholders have you spoken to?

Ms Wiley-Smith: I have a list of stakeholders that I can take you through. It would probably be about 40 or 50 different stakeholders, but I can take that on notice and confirm the list.

Senator JOYCE: Where do the stakeholders come from? How did you find them?

Ms Wiley-Smith: They range from state government representatives and agencies in the planning area and also in transport and employment, as well as local government agencies, academics, business groups and community organisations.

Senator JOYCE: How many non-government stakeholders did you speak to?

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Ms Wiley-Smith: Based on the information I have seen, I would say about 10 to 15 different groups, but I would have take that on notice to confirm.

Answer:

To 17 October 2011, 91 organisations were invited to participate in consultation on the Suburban Jobs Program. Of these, 62 organisations participated in stakeholder consultation activities, including 14 non-government organisations which included research or academic organisations.

Following the public consultation period on the draft guidelines from 7-21 October 2011, the total number of organisations participating in consultation activities increased to 72 - 19 were non-government organisations.

Stakeholders were identified by the department in discussion with state government agencies. Stakeholders consulted included representatives from: state government agencies in planning, transport, employment and economic development; local governments; regional organisations of councils; Regional Development Australia committees; industry organisations; businesses; and research and community organisations.

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Topic: Sustainability Indicators

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or Written Question:

Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator LUDLAM: In two and a half minutes. It is the sustainability indicators. We had a reasonably lengthy discussion on that last time. Can you give us an update on that one?

Mr Thompson: There have been quite extensive but targeted consultations with a range of stakeholders around the country who are already engaged in different types of sustainability indicator work, which Mr McNee could add to if necessary. We are continuing work on potential indicators to put to government for its consideration before the end of this year.

Mr McNee: We have been dealing with a wide range of stakeholders. In fact I can probably come back to you with a full list—across state and territory governments, social groups, local government, academics, major associations.

Senator LUDLAM: Do you want to provide us with that list on notice?

Mr McNee: Yes.

Senator LUDLAM: That would be good.

Answer:

The following list details organisations that have been consulted as at 4 November 2011. Consultations are ongoing.

Peak Bodies and Non Government Organisations

Business Council of Australia
Infrastructure Partnerships Australia
Property Council of Australia
Australian Conservation Foundation
World Wildlife Fund
Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council
Green Building Council of Australia
National Housing Supply Council
National Farmers Federation
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Climate Works Australia
Australian Industry Group
Australian Council of Social Services

Organisations of Councils and Regions

Australian Local Government Association
National Growth Areas Alliance
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors
Penrith City Council

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Local Government Managers' Association of Australia
Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government
Local Government Association of Queensland

Community Groups

Australian Community Indicators Network
Community Indicators Victoria

State and Territory Government Agencies:

QLD State Government
NSW State Government
VIC State Government

Academic Institutions and other bodies

Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University
Queensland University of Technology
RMIT University
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland
Griffith University