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Question: **AET 3019**

Topic: **National Injury Insurance Scheme**

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Senator SMITH asked:

3019. **Senator SMITH:** In the establishment of this particular scheme, have there been any strong dissenting voices around the approach that should be taken?

Ms Croke: Not that I am aware of, Senator. We meet fairly regularly with state and territory colleagues and we are all working to the timetable.

Senator SMITH: What about the participation of industry or expert persons that are not actually Commonwealth or state officials? It is a very niche issue.

Ms Croke: I will have to take it on notice if you want more detail, but I know that we have experts who have worked with us on medical injuries. With workplace we have been working with SafeWork Australia.

Answer:

3019. A number of industry stakeholders have been consulted in the development of the National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS). This includes the former NIIS Advisory Group, members of which included representatives from the Insurance Council of Australia, the National People with Disabilities and Carer Council, the Australian Local Government Association and the Australian Medical Association. A member of the Australian Local Government Association is also attending NIIS Senior Officials meetings this year. Targeted consultation with industry and experts will be arranged as the need arises during the development of the remaining NIIS streams.