

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 2 November 2005

QUESTION No.SBI-80

Senator Campbell asked:

With what groups or organisations have Attorney-General Ruddock or Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister Macfarlane or any other government Ministers or any of their advisers met, on what date(s) and who was present; where discussions in relation to the DDA Access to Premises Standard took place?

ANSWER

The Department is only in a position to comment on those meetings that involve the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP. The Department is aware of the following recent meetings:

Organisation: Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)

Date: 15 September 2005

Present: Minister Macfarlane, Robert Underdown (Adviser to Minister Macfarlane), Maryanne Diamond (AFDO), Collette O'Neill (AFDO), Michael Green (DITR).

Organisation: Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF)

Date: 6 September 2005

Present: Minister Macfarlane, Robert Underdown (Adviser), ACIF Board members, Detlef Jumpertz (DITR), Lok Potticary (DITR).

Organisation: Peter Laver, Chair, Australian Building Codes Board

Date: 5 September 2005

Present: Minister Macfarlane, Robert Underdown (Adviser), Peter Laver (ABCB), Ivan Donaldson (ABCB), Ken Pettifer (DITR).

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Senator Campbell asked:

When will the Federal Government consult with state and territory governments about any proposed DDA Access to Premises Standard, what timelines are involved, and what form will that consultation take?

ANSWER

The Government intends to consult with State and Territory governments after it has had an opportunity to undertake more detailed analysis of the options and to consider its own position on the matter.

Section 132 (2) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* states:

Before making any regulations for the purposes of section 31 or 47, the Governor-General is to take into consideration any comments made to the Minister by a Minister of a State or Territory who is responsible for matters relating to disability discrimination.