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Senator COLBECK: Is there some form of interactions that are occurring in the interim while PMSEIC is in hiatus? What is happening with the work that would have been occurring while we are making up our mind about what is going to happen with PMSEIC?

Ms Lansdown: The members of PMSEIC are aware that we have been considering what PMSEIC may look like in the future, and other government departments have also been consulted in this process, so all the people who may have a very close and immediate interest in PMSEIC are aware that there is a process in place at the moment.

Senator COLBECK: Are non-ministerial members of the council still holding their own meetings?

Ms Lansdown: No.

Senator COLBECK: When did that process cease?

Ms Lansdown: They are linked to the PMSEIC meetings as well, so the last meeting was linked to the last PMSEIC meeting.

Senator COLBECK: So the last meeting of the non-ministerial members of the council occurred in February of this year?

Ms Lansdown: I would have to check on the date for you. I will take that on notice.

Senator COLBECK: If you could, give us the dates of those meetings during 2010 and 2011.

Ms Lansdown: I suspect it would be fairly closely linked to the PMSEIC meeting, probably within about a fortnight, but I would have to check for the exact date.

ANSWER

The last meeting of the PMSEIC Standing Committee took place on 4 February 2011 immediately after the 22nd meeting of PMSEIC.

The PMSEIC Standing Committee met twice in 2010, once on 18 March 2010 following PMSEIC 21 and then, separately to PMSEIC on 16 June 2010 to progress work items and report preparation. There was no meeting of PMSEIC in June 2010.