

MINUTE

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

MuPS.Net PDR Id	MN1Q-002055
Due Date	5 November 2010
Critical Date	
Consultation	Media No
	Group Manager No
	Deputy Secretary No
	State Manager No

**To Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers
For decision**

cc: the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Subject: Review of National Disability Organisations funding arrangements

Purpose: To seek your approval to proceed with a review of the funding arrangements for those National Disability Organisations funded by the Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the proposed terms of reference for the review.

Issue: In March 2010 the Department provided a brief to Minister Macklin and Mr Shorten
(BR09-001714 -Attachment A) **s47C deliberative**

This brief also covered the links with advocacy arrangements in Australia. Following consideration, and due to the number of consultations involving the disability sector, Mr Shorten asked that the review be put on hold until later in the year.

The Department has prepared terms of reference for the review for your consideration (**Attachment B**). Should you agree to the review a proposed timeline is also attached for your information (**Attachment C**).

Consultation will be integral to the development of any new arrangements for disability peak organisations. A targeted consultation process is proposed between November 2010 and March 2011. This will be complemented by a workshop during March 2011 to further refine possible approaches. The Department has prepared a strategy for consultation for your consideration (**Attachment D**). A separate minute will be forwarded to you with a draft discussion paper to assist the consultation process.

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IN CONFIDENCE

Recommendation:

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Comments (MO use)

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 21.11.10

ADVISER TO ACTION:

Local Member Advised	State Member Advised
Yes / No	Yes / No
Name of Member	Name of Member

Rating	Quality	Timeliness
Unsatisfactory		
Satisfactory		
Good		

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review of Arrangements for the National Disability Peak Organisations

Background

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TIMELINE - REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS

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CONSULTATION APPROACH

• Written submissions

Purpose

To undertake consultation with peak disability organisations and other identified stakeholders to seek views on the issues in the discussion paper and possible models to empower people with disability by providing efficient mechanisms for policy advice to Government.

Invitees

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• Workshop – Presidents and Executive Officers – March 2011

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Participants

The invitees to the workshop will be the currently funded national disability peak organisations and Disability Advocacy Network Australia.

Process

The workshop will be facilitated by an external agency.

The successful consultant would be extensively briefed on the background of the current arrangements as well as have an understanding of the history and sensitivities associated with the program.

Workshop participants would receive a background paper showing the analysis of written ^{submissions} consultations and a list of possible models coming from that analysis as part of the pre workshop background reading (early March 2011).

Outcomes:

- Opportunity for organisations to discuss how a future NSP might look
- Opportunity for discussion of concerns around implementation of preferred models
- Agreement (as best as possible) on preferred model. ??

Consultation Process

1. Written submissions
2. ~~Consultation~~ Background paper
3. Workshop.
4. Workshop report.

Tracking Sheet MN/BR - Office of Senator McLucas

Minute/Brief Number: MN10-002055

Title: Review of NDO Policy arrangements.

Date received: 15/11

Advisor: Keda/ Braedan.

DLO Comments:

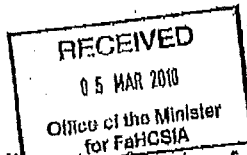
- BH once you have looked @ this MN please pass to Keda.

Date to Parliamentary Secretary: 16/11

From: BH.

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Copy for Minister for FaHCSIA

BRIEF**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

MaPS.Net PDR Id	BR09-001714
Due Date	3 March 2010
Critical Date	
Consultation	Media No
	Group Manager Yes
	Deputy Secretary No
	State Manager No

To the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services
for information

cc: Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Subject: Future of the National Disability Peak Organisations and national advocacy arrangements

Issue: Services that provide advocacy for individual people with disability are necessary to ensure that these people are empowered to actively participate in the decisions that affect their lives. Under current arrangements, not all people with disability in Australia have equal access to advocacy services.

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Discussion

The development of the National Disability Strategy, the review of advocacy arrangements under the National Disability Agreement and the Government's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities provides a timely opportunity to explore funding arrangements of FaHCSIA funded disability peak bodies to ensure alignment with these reforms.

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The Commonwealth Government, through FaHCSIA, currently funds twelve national disability peak bodies to provide advice to government on disability issues and provide systemic advocacy on behalf of people with disability.

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Disability advocacy is currently a shared responsibility of the Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments under the National Disability Agreement (NDA). The Commonwealth currently funds 63 disability advocacy agencies across Australia to provide individual and systemic advocacy while the State and Territory Governments fund 92 disability advocacy agencies to undertake similar activities. Twenty three organisations receive funding from both levels of government.

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Information about the review of disability advocacy in Australia and the history of disability advocacy arrangements in Australia is at Attachment B.

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Recommendation:

That you agree to the department pursuing the peak body and advocacy arrangements set out in this brief.

Agree / Not Agreed

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Date: 3 March 2010

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Comments (MO use)

Discussed between Minister and Parliamentary Secretary Shorten.
Mr Shorten to provide feedback on the advice.

Signature: *APD*

Date: 11/3/10

Ratings Box

Rating	Quality	Timeliness
Unsatisfactory		
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Additional Information

Background

The review of the National Secretariat Program, the development of the National Disability Strategy, the review of advocacy arrangements under the National Disability Agreement and the Government's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities provides a unique opportunity to take a fresh look at funding arrangements of disability peak bodies so that they strategically align with the Government's directions of those reforms. For the first time advocacy arrangements and policy advice can be better aligned to ensure the best interests of people with disability in Australia are represented.

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Advocacy

Effective advocacy has an important role in promoting, supporting and assisting people with disabilities in understanding and controlling the systems and processes which directly affect their lives. Disability advocacy through systemic activities also has a key role in achieving fundamental social and cultural change to ensure fair treatment, social justice and active participation for people with disabilities in the community.

Disability Advocacy Network Australia has been provided with seed funding to establish itself as the peak representative body for disability advocacy organisations across Australia with no formal connections to peak disability organisations responsible for providing policy advice to government.

Advocacy in Australia falls under the responsibility of both the Commonwealth and the State and Territory Governments. A review of National Disability Advocacy in Australia is being undertaken as part of agreed reforms under the National Disability Agreement.

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**List of National Disability Peak Organisations with 2010-11 Funding
(GST exclusive)**

Name of Peak Body – National Disability Peaks	Total Funding 2010-11 (GST Excl)
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations	\$303,545
Blind Citizens Australia	\$195,134
Brain Injury Australia	\$162,547
Children with Disability Australia	\$162,547
Deaf Australia	\$195,134
Deafness Forum Australia	\$195,134
First Peoples Disability Network (Australia)	\$162,547
National Council on Intellectual Disability	\$162,547
National Disability Services	\$271,421
National Ethnic Disability Alliance	\$162,547
Physical Disability Australia	\$162,547
Women with Disabilities Australia	\$162,547
Total	\$2,298,197
Name of Peak Body – Seed Funding	
Disability Advocacy Network Australia	\$60,000
Grand Total	\$2,358,197

MAP OF DISABILITY PEAK ORGANISATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

