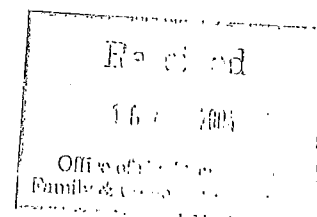




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Department of Family and Community Services



MINUTE

for: **Minister for Family and Community Services**

cc: Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services

FUNDING - REVIEW OF NATIONAL SECRETARIAT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this brief is to:
 - advise you of steps taken to manage current issues regarding funding of peak bodies by the National Secretariat Program (NSP); and
 - inform you of progress on the Review of the NSP 2004.

KEY ISSUES/SUMMARY

2. The NSP was created in 2001 to streamline and improve administration of peak body funding. Previously funding was dispersed across FaCS.
3. A scheduled review of the program is in progress. The review is drawing on consultation undertaken with peak organisations in 2003-04 and is expected to be finalised in late October 2004.
4. Current improvements in the NSP include implementing a consistent and outcome focused Funding Agreement with the peak bodies. However, some administrative issues have resulted in delays in finalising the 2004-05 Funding Agreements with the peak bodies, and the NSP review.

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6. As part of the review, work is currently underway to clarify the rationale for funding under NSP (frequent requests for funding are received from organisations outside the NSP), strengthen administrative processes, bolster the NSP's contribution to FaCS policy directions and scope out strategies for managing the range of peaks funded.

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7. In the interim a letter to peak bodies (see **Attachment A**) will be sent introducing key new staff in the FaCS NSP management and team, and advise the peak bodies on progress on the review.

BACKGROUND

8. The NSP was created in 2001 at the direction of the then Minister for Family and Community Services. It provides streamlined funding administration for twenty-one national peak bodies (see **Attachment B** for details) to facilitate two-way communication between government and the community on social policy issues.

9. Prior to this there were many different approaches to funding, and steps have been taken to address this.

10. A review was foreshadowed at its inception by the then Minister for Family and Community Services. Consultation for this review was undertaken in 2003-04, building on previous reviews and studies into funding of peak bodies.

11. Under the auspices of the revised NSP two new umbrella peaks were established – Families Australia and the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations. Improvements in the NSP include efforts to distinguish different contributions by peak organisations through tiered funding, implementation of outcome focused standard funding agreements, and building stronger relationships with peak organisations.

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Consultation

14. This minute has been prepared in consultation with the Office of Disability, Community Branch and Family and Children's Policy Branch.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. That you note the information in the brief above

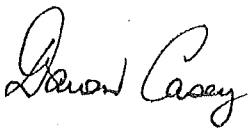
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R2. That you note the finalised review will be provided to your for your consideration

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

Senator Kay Patterson



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Attachment A

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Dear

I am writing firstly to thank you for your cooperation in finalising the 2004-2005 National Secretariat Program (NSP) funding agreements, and secondly, to update you on some changes in administrative staff for the NSP and progress of the NSP Review.

Having recently taken on my new role in the Ministerial, Media and Executive Support Branch I am looking forward to working with you and your organisation.

Michelle Weston has commenced with FaCS as the Director of the Business and Secretariat Support Services team. I know that Michelle and her team in the NSP look forward to the opportunity to continue to enable two-way communication and policy contributions from the community sector to government. Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle on (02) 6244 6528 with any queries regarding the NSP.

I also wish to personally thank you for your contribution to the NSP Review 2004. I would like to reassure you that finalising the review is being given a high priority and that any issues that may cause disruption to the sector will be discussed with you well in advance of any final recommendation.

I am confident that the new NSP team will support you and your organisation as you continue to make contributions to government policy in the family and community services area and on behalf of the Australian community.

Once again, I look forward to working with you and your organisation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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NATIONAL SECRETARIAT PROGRAM**August 2004**

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