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National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group

Communique: Meeting 1, 19 June 2023

The National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group met for the first time on Monday, 19 June 2023. The meeting was chaired by Patty Kinnersly, Our Watch, with attendance from expert members and representatives from the Australian and state and territory governments, the National Catholic Education Commission, and Independent Schools Australia.

The first meeting provided an opportunity for members to discuss and agree on governance arrangements for the group, including endorsing terms of reference and agreeing to publish regular updates on key activities such as meeting communiques.

In addition, the working group discussed the Australian Government’s $77.6 million *Consent and Respectful Relationships Education* measure and provided input to the scope of work for the rapid review into the delivery of respectful relationships education.

To provide further context, Our Watch provided a presentation to outline what constitutes good practice respectful relationships education to set the scene for the group’s work for the next three years.

The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for mid-July 2023.