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Alison has participated in numerous government advisory committees including the, the Board of Taxation, the Social Security Review Advisory Council, the National Board of Employment, Education and Training, and the Advisory Committee of the Economic Planning Advisory Council. She was a staff member of the National Health Strategy and also worked in the Department of Treasury in Victoria.

She held several positions with the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) over the past 20 years including honorary policy advisor on economics and tax, board member and Deputy President. She was invited as the Australian representative to the United Nation's Meeting of Experts on Social Services for Underserved Populations, Bangkok (Nov 2-6 1998) and was awarded the Centenary Medal for her contribution to social policy and social research in Australia. .

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