

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 31

**Topic:** Attribution of Costs for Contract Management with Not-for-Profit Organisations

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Are you able to give us an idea of what it costs the department in terms of their contracting for managing and running grants with not-for-profits?

**Answer:**

The nature of managing and running grants with not-for-profit organisations by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs varies across a wide range of programs. The Department does not attribute costs separately for this part of the business. The Department may be in a position to report on attribution in the future, but cannot do so currently without significant time and resources.