

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Topic:** Adoption Research Project

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

In terms of the number of people that have indicated they would prefer a face-to-face consultation, how many have been accommodated?

**Answer:**

A small number of individuals have contacted AIFS directly, indicating that they did not feel able to complete the online/paper survey for a variety of reasons, but that they still wished to provide information regarding their experiences. All of those who fell into this category (approximately 20 people) have been contacted over the phone or by email and provided their information through conversation with project staff, or by detailed email or written correspondence sent by post.

In relation to the face-to-face consultations, all of the recruitment for this phase of the study has been from the pool of those who had completed the online/paper survey and indicated their willingness to potentially be part of a follow-up discussion or interview.

To date, project staff have been able to meet face-to-face with around 300 of these people who indicated they would be available to attend on the proposed dates.

The Institute is in the process of arranging further focus groups to be conducted in regional Victoria, and there are approximately 20 individuals for whom phone interviews will be conducted. This will bring the total number of persons with whom we have met face-to-face to approximately 400.