Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 143

Topic: Consultancies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the details of any external consultant contracted by the department since 7 September 2013, including:

- the date on which they were contracted;
- the duties they have been contracted to do;
- whether or not they are being paid for their work and the amount;
- date of completion of their work or date of expected completion; and
- any departmental staff assigned to assist with the work.

Answer:

A listing of the Department's contracts (including consultancies) entered into between 7 September 2013 and 27 February 2014, valued at \$10,000 or more, is publicly available on the AusTender website. It includes the name of the consultant, the duration and cost of the arrangement, the nature of the duties to be performed, and the method of procurement.

Departmental staff typically provide assistance through the management of contracts and the provision of information to consultants. They may also provide comment in response to preliminary or draft reports.