

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: 204

Topic: Sochi

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Senator Ludwig asked:

- 1) In regard to the Minister attending the Sochi Winter Olympics, did the Minister write to the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's delegate seeking approval of the trip?
 - a. If so, when did he write?
 - b. If so, when was a reply received?
 - c. If so, were revisions sought?
 - i. If so, what were they?
 - d. If so, did the Minister need to make more than one request for the approval of the Prime Minister for the trip?
 - e. If not, did someone else write on the Minister's behalf? If so, who, on what date and when was a reply received and by whom?
- 2) Did the letter seeking approval from the Prime Minister detail who would be attending the games with the Minister?
 - a. Did this include the Department Secretary attending the games?
 - i. If not, why not?
- 3) Did the Prime Minister make any requests, either formally or informally, that the Secretary was to attend the games with the Minister?
 - a. If so, when?
 - b. If so, in what format?
 - c. If so, provide those documents.

Answer:

The Minister for Social Services, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, did not attend the Sochi Winter Olympics (please refer to Additional Estimates QoN 203).