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

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 259

Topic: Family Support **Hansard Page:** Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can you advise if any organisations receiving funding under the Family Support Program have failed to meet their obligations under the terms of their funding agreement? If yes to the above question, can you advise the number of organisations which have failed to meet their obligations, by state, territory and electorate? Please advise what action, if any, was taken by the department in relation to this failure to meet obligations under the terms of their funding agreement?

Answer:

Yes, there are two organisations that have failed to meet their obligations under the terms of their funding agreement.

The two organisations are funded to provide services in New South Wales. Electorate information is not recorded as funded organisations often deliver services outside the electorate of their business address or across multiple electorates.

The department has withheld funding for the two organisations as it works with them to resolve governance and service delivery issues.