

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 10

**Question No:** 586

**Topic:** Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Did the staff members that were dealing directly with the BMCP move to the Department of Social Services with the Machinery of Government transfer?

How many staff were transferred?

**Answer:**

On 7 November 2013, the section 72 determination signed by the Public Service Commissioner provided for 260 staff in the settlement and multicultural affairs area to transfer from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) to the Department of Social Services (DSS). This included the staff dealing with the BMCP.