

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

Outcome Number: 10

Question No: 589

Topic: Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Activate Community Services have publicly said that they returned their signed agreement to DSS within the timeframe allocated, but still did not receive their funding. Why was their agreement not signed and executed by DSS?

Was a decision made for the Department to not sign the funding agreement between Activate Community Services (also known as the Welcome Centre) and the Department of Social Services or was the agreement simply not executed due to human error or staff incompetence?

Answer:

A funding agreement for Activate Community Services was not executed prior to the commencement of the grants review on 4 October 2013 (noting that Activate Community Services returned the draft funding agreement on 20 November 2013).