

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

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Topic: Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

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Senator Moore asked:

On 25 October 2013, the Assistant Secretary of the Settlement and Multicultural Programmes Branch signed a letter explaining the Machinery of Government: Transfer to the Department of Social Services. On Page 2 of this letter it states "You can be assured that existing and executed contracts and funding agreements remain in place and business-as-usual activity continues." If organisations had submitted their paperwork to receive allocated funding, why were these agreements not executed?

Answer:

This advice related to existing and executed funding agreements, not to funding agreements that had yet to be executed. In view of the grants review, the department was not able to proceed to execute funding agreements that had not already been executed by 4 October 2013.