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

2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Quality and safeguards framework

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Please provide an update on the quality and safeguards framework, including when the report of findings will be publically available.

Answer:

An extensive stakeholder consultation process was undertaken during March and April 2015 and on 13 November 2015 the Disability Reform Council (DRC) released a report on the outcomes of the consultation. The report is available at www.engage.dss.gov.au.

Officials have been developing a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), which will inform the Framework, including the roles and responsibilities of governments in the new system.

The Framework is expected to be available for consideration by the DRC by the end of May 2016. The public release of the Framework will be a decision for DRC.