

# Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2 JUNE 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Budget Measure for Extension of Rural Mobile Services and Outreach Support for the Homeless

**Question reference number:** HSW 5

**Senator:** Payne

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) What is the year-by-year appropriation for the measure to extend outreach support for the homeless? (2011-12 Budget Paper no 2, p249)
- b) Why are the additional workers only being engaged from 2012-13?
- c) Where will these additional officers and social workers be based and what will their roles be?

#### **Answer:**

- a) \$0.147 million in 2011-12, \$2.160 million in 2012-13, \$4.977 million in 2013-14 and \$5.021 million in 2014-15.
- b) The additional workers will be engaged from 2012-13 to allow time for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the current program. This will also allow any new information which might become available through the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2011 and the specialist homelessness data collection through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program to be incorporated.
- c) The additional Centrelink Community Engagement Officers and Social Workers will be based in the areas of highest need.

The additional Community Engagement Officers and Social Workers will provide support to individuals and/or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who do not access mainstream servicing.