

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Research

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**Senator:** Fifield

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#### **Question:**

**Senator FIFIELD:** What about the amount of money that DHS spends on research in 2010-11? Are you able to separately identify the money that is spent on research?

**Ms Campbell:** We probably do not have an actual figure for 2010-11, given the financial year is not over.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Yes, we are not quite done yet.

**Ms Campbell:** I do not have that. We can take on notice how much we have spent to date.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Thank you. Can you supply 2008-09 and 2009-10 as well?

**Ms Campbell:** Given that from 1 July DHS will include Centrelink and Medicare will you be looking for the entire portfolio or just the Department of Human Services?

**Senator FIFIELD:** I was just thinking of the core department, but can you also provide it for those other entities?

**Ms Campbell:** Yes.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Also, can you advise the nature of the research that has been undertaken, who conducted it and who requested it?

**Ms Campbell:** Yes.

#### **Answer:**

Information on contracts, including those for research activities, valued at over \$10,000 reported by the Department of Human Services and its former agencies is available on the AusTender website at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

The value of these contracts was:

- 2010-11 ~ \$6.96 million;
- 2009-10 ~ \$3.19 million; and
- 2008-09 ~ \$5.28 million.