

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Further to Senator Furner's question before, but not necessarily breaking it down by component business units, could the 2011-12 and 2012-13 figures give an indication which at which sites?

Ms Bennett: I can provide some explanation for the 2012-13 period.

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.

Answer:

Information for 2011-12 is not available. Immediately following the integration of the Department on 1 July 2011, information was still being collected and recorded in separate systems across the different business lines. Therefore, the information for 2011-12 would need to be manually collected and collated. To do so would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

The table below indicates the types of sites visited during the 2012-13 financial year and the number of visits to those sites. Information is taken from Right of Entry Notices at the time they are received. Further detail, such as location of the sites, would require all Notices to be manually re-examined.

Given the co-location and amalgamation of offices, the nature of sites can change across the financial year.

Type of site	Number of visits
Customer Facing co-located in DHS Service Centre	229
Centrelink Program	302
Medicare Program	273
CRS Australia	152
Child Support Program	33
Smart Centres	152
Business Integrity	19
Records Management Units	5
National Office	21