

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Online Release of 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements for Human Services Portfolio

**Question reference number:** HS 17

**Senator:** Fifield

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#### **Question:**

Senator FIFIELD: Was there an issue with the releasing online of the portfolio budget statement for Human Services this year?

Ms Campbell: Not that I am aware of, but we will ask someone else and see if we can find someone who may be aware of whether there were any issues.

Senator FIFIELD: Again, a colleague has put to me that the Human Services portfolio budget statement was not available for download at 7.30 on budget night. I recall that there was an issue the previous year.

Mr Box: As far as I am aware, if we could just double check, our portfolio budget statement was available online in line with the Treasury requirements and the department of finance requirements.

Senator FIFIELD: Which is?

Mr Box: I would have to get—

Senator FIFIELD: Which is ever so slightly after 7.30?

Mr Box: Exactly. There is guidance issued by the department of finance about when that has to be uploaded.

Senator FIFIELD: When to hit the button.

Mr Box: Yes. My advice is that we hit the button in line with the guidelines.

Senator FIFIELD: Would you mind taking that on notice and checking, because as I say, it was put to me? It was not my own attempt.

Mr Box: We definitely had the arrangements in place and people ready to push the button.

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that.

#### **Answer:**

The Human Services Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14 was published on the Department of Human Services' website at 7:53 pm on Tuesday 14 May 2013.