

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Alternative Policy Costings

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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.

Answer:

The Department has undertaken costings on options with regards to policy costings and provided advice to the Government. This is part of the normal costing process and is confidential as part of the requirements surrounding items for cabinet consideration.

The Department has also responded to requests for costing information from the Parliamentary Budget Office.