Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Other Corporate Matters

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide a list of all current boards and committees within the department, their terms of reference and membership, and their budget, if any.

Answer:

The Department of Social Services Governance Committees are:

- Executive Management Committee
- Senior Management Committee
- Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee
- Budget Committee
- Information Communication and Technology Committee
- People and Communications Committee
- Policy and Deregulation Committee
- Programme Management Committee
- Indigenous Reform Committee

Terms of reference and membership for these committees are being finalised.

The Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee (AARC) is the only committee which has independent external members. AARC meet six times per year and has an annual budget of \$50,000 (GST inclusive).

All other committees do not have a separate budget.