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Topic: Forced Adoptions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Regarding the consultation by the Department with stakeholders on the findings of the AIFS research what is the current status of the service modelling?
What were the dates of the consultations with stakeholders?
Who were the stakeholders that were consulted?

Answer:

- The service model for the Forced Adoption Support Services was approved by the Minister for Social Services on 22 May 2014. An open selection process is currently being conducted for support services for those affected by forced adoptions which includes this model.
- The findings of the AIFS Scoping Study was distributed to the following stakeholders inviting feedback:
 - On 3 March 2014 to all stakeholders on the Department's forced adoption distribution list (117 in total);
 - On 3 March 2014 to all stakeholders on the National Archives of Australia distribution list;
 - On 3 March 2014 the information became publicly available on the Department's website;
 - On 5 March 2014 the Department sought input from all state and territory governments; and
 - On 20 March 2014 members of the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group discussed the Scoping Study with the Department.