Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Protecting Australians Children

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Senator Moore asked:

Can the Department provide current information on the current process to implement the National Framework for Protecting Australian Children as agreed by COAG in 2009?

- What is the status of the reporting progress against the three (3) year plan?
- Is there any funding flowing from this agreement?
- Is any funding subject to the changes in the discretionary grants?

Answer:

Annual Reports to COAG have been published for each year of the National Framework since 2009. The report for 2012-13 is to be released in the coming months.

Annual Reports to COAG can be found at: http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/publications-articles.

Funding for the National Framework is included in the National Initiatives component of the Families and Communities Programme and is subject to changes in discretionary grants arrangements.