

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 333**

**Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

As social policy experts, does the Department believe that pushing young people into poverty for six-month periods is good social policy?

a. Were those concerns ever brought to the attention of the Minister?

- If yes, then we can take from that that those concerns were ignored by the Minister?

**Answer:**

The Senate has resolved that officers of a department of the Commonwealth shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy.