

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

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Topic: Stronger Relationships Trial

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Senator Brown asked:

How will you prevent \$20 million of taxpayers money being used by or on pranksters?

Answer:

In order to receive a subsidy under the *Stronger Relationships* Trial, eligible couples must register online to receive a reference number. The reference number can only be used to receive subsidised access to relationship counselling and education services that are delivered by an approved list of organisations. The Department has also incorporated fraud prevention and auditing mechanisms into the design of the *Stronger Relationships* Trial.