

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

**Outcome Number: 2**

**Question No: 809**

**Topic: Stronger Relationships Trial**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

How will the Stronger Relationships program be evaluated?

**Answer:**

The Stronger Relationships Trial will be evaluated by an independent evaluator. The evaluation will assess participant and provider satisfaction. For those couples that undertake relationship education, the evaluation will assess the degree to which the relationship skills of couples improved. For couples who participated in counselling, the evaluation will assess whether the services were effective in assisting to resolve relationship difficulties. The evaluation will also assess the efficacy of the voucher model.