

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Senator: Pratt

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Question:

Senator PRATT: When did DHS first know about this proposal being announced in the budget? How long before that was DHS informed of it as a policy proposal?

Ms Campbell: As with all budget measures, we would have worked with DSS in the months leading up to the budget. I do not know that we have with us the exact date when we first started working on this, but we can take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department first became involved in discussions regarding a potential substance misuse proposal in late 2015.