

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 148

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

For the financial year to date (30 November 2013), there has not been a reduction in expenditure on contractors and consultants compared with the same period in 2012.

The Department engages consultants and contractors where their specialist services are required. The Department will continue to engage consultants and contractors on this basis over the forward estimates.