Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs Question No: 405

Topic: Graduate Programs

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Senator Polley asked:

Have any Indigenous cadetships through Departments, including the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations, been suspended or frozen? Are cadetship applications or offers currently being processed? Are departments and/or agencies considering applications on a case by case basis? What process is in place to determine the success of applications on a case-by-case basis?

Answer:

- No current Indigenous cadetships have been suspended or frozen in the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- DSS is not offering any new Indigenous cadetships in 2014; however, the Department is participating in the Indigenous Australian Government Development Program (IAGDP), with five participants in the 2013-14 program which commenced in October 2013.