

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator Dean Smith asked:

This probably better sits in whole of corporate, but if you indulge me for one moment, Secretary, perhaps you could provide some information on notice about how long it has taken the department to respond to the last six reports of this committee.

Answer:

As at 22 October 2015, the Department has had the lead on the Government Response for four of the reports produced by the Community Affairs References Committee.

Inquiry	Report tabled Date	Status
Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services	16 September 2015	Due 16 December 2015
Out of home care	19 August 2015	The response is expected to be tabled in 2016
Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia	24 June 2015	The response is expected to be tabled in early 2016
Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren	29 October 2014	The response is expected to be tabled in early 2016

Reports that originated from the Community Affairs Legislation Committee were debated during the passage of the legislation and did not require a formal Government Response.