Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs Question No: SQ16-000334

Topic: Evaluation and Program Analysis

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it please provide:

- a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years;
- b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.

Answer:

The Department administers a diverse range of payments, policies, programs and services, and the Portfolio consists of the Department of Social Services, the Department of Human Services, the Australian Institute of Family Studies and the National Disability Insurance Agency. Programs within these various entities are subject to regular and ongoing analysis, review and evaluation.

To answer this question fully would require an unreasonable diversion of resources, however many key evaluations and reviews conducted by the Department of Social Services are publically available on the web site at www.dss.gov.au.