

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department/Agency: ABS

Question: SBT 74-76

Topic: Discontinued funding for culture, sport and recreational statistics

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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

I understand that ABS is discontinuing the funding for Culture, sport and recreational statistics,

74. What impact will the discontinuing of ABS funding for Culture, Sport have for volunteer organisations?
75. Will this cut impact on the collection of, and analysis of data associated with volunteers?
76. Why was this discontinued?

Answer:

74-75.

Information about volunteer organisations is included in the Non-Profit Institutions (NPI) Satellite Account. Volunteer information will be included in the second release of the 2012-13 NPI Satellite Account which is planned for June 2015.

Currently, information on volunteering is available via the 2010 General Social Survey Basic and Expanded Confidentialised Unit Record Files and associated publications. Volunteering data from the 2014 General Social Survey will be available through a Survey TableBuilder facility, for which users will need to purchase a licence. This data is likely to be available at state level. The ABS hopes to secure funding to make this information available free of charge.

There are no impacts on the Non-Profit Institutions (NPI) Satellite Account as a result of the discontinuation of the ABS funded component of the Culture, Sport and Recreational Statistics Program.

76. The revised work program was developed after consultation with key Australian Government agencies.