

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Rachel Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: I realise some of the money that was allocated to the Social Inclusion Board has been spent. Did the remaining money get transferred to DSS, or has that just gone back to the budget?

Ms Cross: Funding for the functions I mentioned earlier—not-for-profit volunteering and philanthropy and for the staff working on that—was transferred to the Department of Social Services.

Senator SIEWERT: So for those three sections it has gone over but the rest of it has gone back into—

Ms Cross: The rest of it has been redirected within our portfolio for other priorities.

Senator SIEWERT: How much for those three areas was transferred?

Ms McDevitt: In terms of the resources transferred to the Department of Social Services, there were six staff and there was \$2.873 million of administered funding.

Senator SIEWERT: And the remaining resources were reallocated?

Ms Cross: That is correct.

Senator SIEWERT: How much is that?

Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The remaining resources previously allocated to support the Social Inclusion Board and the Office of the Non-Profit Sector were re-assigned to other positions within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This totalled 16 staff at the date of transfer.

The transfer of \$2.873 million represents the unspent balance of the 2013-14 administered funding appropriated to PM&C at the date of transfer.