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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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SENATOR CAROL BROWN asked on 14/2/2006:

Senator Carol Brown: Have you looked at whether there is a capacity within Centrelink to offer this service as opposed to tendering it out?

Mr Whalan: That is an option, but we believe we will get a better result by working closely with local community organisations, which are already doing this type of work

Senator Carol Brown: Have you spoken to communities and welfare agencies?

Mr Whalan: We have spoken to a number.

Senator Carol Brown: Did you undertake to give me a list of those you have held discussions with?

Mr Whalan: I can take that on notice.

Answer:

DHS and Centrelink discuss these issues with a number of NGOs from time to time.

This answer required 1 hour at a cost of \$40.00 to prepare.