

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 26 May 2005

Question: HS71

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Core Department – Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessments

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services, upon notice, on 26 May 2005, to provide a full breakdown of how the \$316 million allocated to the Department of Human Services in the budget for comprehensive work capacity assessments will be spent.

Answer:

The estimates of expenditure are based on estimated number of customers receiving a comprehensive work capacity assessment (see Q HS14) and on estimates of the average cost of providing such services. The Department of Human Services has commenced development of a sourcing strategy. The Government has indicated that the comprehensive work capacity assessments will be subject to an open tender by no later than 1 July 2008.