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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator RYAN-Firstly, if this data has been broken down inside the department for electorates in states that have been redrawn, I would appreciate confirmation of that having been done by the Coordinator-General. Secondly, I would like to know when that was undertaken. Thirdly, could that information be provided to the committee. If the website only includes current electorates but the department and the government have access to information based on new electorates, that would be of interest to the committee. Are you happy to take that on notice?

Mr Hoffman-We will take that on notice. We receive information from the department that is administering the programs-so, for social housing it comes from FaHCSIA, and so on. They provide it to us in a database feed which is characterised by electorates as they currently stand, as Ms Beauchamp said. So we do not have, to my understanding, information on the basis of new electorate boundaries. We would receive that in future from the relevant departments. But, as we said, we will take that on notice and confirm that.

Answer:

Funding breakdowns have been undertaken on the basis of the current House of Representatives electoral divisions (i.e. those in place at the 2007 election) and posted on the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan (NB-ESP) website. No funding breakdowns are held by the Office of the Coordinator-General for redrawn electorates.