

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

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**Senator:** Moore

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**Question**

**Senator MOORE:** I am interested in the study that Professor Higgins is doing on adoption practices in Australia... (Research project: *Impact of past adoption practices: Summary of key issues from Australian research* by Daryl Higgins in 2010).

**Senator MOORE:** Do you have any information on the funding basis and who conducted that study?

**Dr Higgins:** Yes. It was commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. It was a request for us to provide a quotation to do a literature review to analyse the adequacy of the evidence base to be able to inform government policy and decision making.

**Senator MOORE:** So, that is purely funded by FaHCSIA?

**Dr Higgins:** That is correct.

**Senator MOORE:** Do you have those figures with you or can we get them on notice?

**Dr Higgins:** They will need to be on notice. **Senator MOORE:** That would be fine.

**Answer**

The research project '*Impact of past adoption practices: Summary of key issues from Australian research*' by Dr Daryl Higgins, was commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). The total cost of the project was \$26,780.