

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 1 November 2005

Question: HS54

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Core Department – Role of DHS

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR EVANS asked on 1/11/05:

1. Can you please explain the role of the DHS?
2. How does this improve the delivery of social and health related services?
3. How are improvements measured? Please give specific egs.
4. What programs have been implemented by the DHS?
5. What have been the results?
6. What are the costs/savings of implementing these programs?
7. I refer to the local liaison officer (LLO) program – can you explain how this works? What are the benefits? How does this improve services to Australian families?
8. What was the cost of this program?

Answer:

1. Refer to page 26 of the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2004-2005 at www.dhs.gov.au.
2. Refer to pages 26 and 37 of the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2004-2005 at www.dhs.gov.au.
3. Refer to pages 5-10 of the Department of Human Services Achievements Brochure October 2004-2005 and pages 35-54, Output 1, Core Department, of the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2004-2005 at www.dhs.gov.au.
4. Refer to the answer at 3 above.
5. Refer to the answer at 3 above.
6. Refer to the answer at 3 above.
7. Refer to page 9 of the Department of Human Services Achievements Brochure October 2004-2005 and page 44 of the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2004-2005 at www.dhs.gov.au.
8. This program is managed within existing resources.