

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 5

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

- a) Not including 'data lists' previously provided to the committee on CD-ROM, can the Department provide the committee with all materials relied on by the Department in developing advice to the Attorney-General on suitable locations for Family Relationship Centres, including, but not limited to, all information, recommendations or minutes provided by the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- b) Can the Department provide the committee with the final advice given to the Attorney-General on locations for Family relationship Centres.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- (a) In addition to the data already provided, which includes population data, demographic information and ABS mapping, the Attorney-General's Department relied on staff assessments of accessibility of the proposed Family Relationship Centres to people elsewhere in the region and adjacent regions, including location of transport and service hubs. The assessment was through discussion rather than in written form. The Attorney-General's Department also relied on input from the then Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS). That input was in three forms:
 - i. oral (through discussion of possible locations, including comment on suitability and location of other services)
 - ii. FaCS's rankings of locations under consideration, based on its draft needs analysis for the Family Relationships Services Program, and
 - iii. emails containing FaCS's opinions on matters of policy relating to our advice to the Attorney-General.

The documents provided by FaCS containing rankings are attached. It would not be appropriate to release the emails from FaCS as they disclose opinion relating to policy advice to the Attorney-General.

- (b) The final advice of the Department to the Attorney-General is not available as it discloses policy advice to the Attorney-General in relation to his consideration of the location of the Family Relationship Centres.

Rank	State/Territory	SSD	Location
82	ACT	North Canberra	Civic
5	NSW	Newcastle	Newcastle
13	NSW	Richmond-Tweed	Lismore
15	NSW	Fairfield-Liverpool	Liverpool
17	NSW	Outer Sth. Western Sydney	Parramatta
18	NSW	Gosford-Wyong	Gosford
20	NSW	Outer Western Sydney	Penrith
28	NSW	Clarence	Coffs Harbour
35	NSW	St. George-Sutherland	Sutherland
41	NSW	Wollongong	Wollongong
44	NSW	Bathurst-Orange	Orange
48	NSW	Inner Sydney	Inner Sydney/Marrickville
59	NSW	Hunter	Singelton
65	NSW	Hastings	Taree
	NSW	Northern Slopes	Inverell/Gunedah
	NSW	Dubbo	Dubbo
	NSW	Nowra-Bomaderry	Nowra
	NSW	Central Northern Sydney	Hornsby
	NSW	Central Macquarie	Gilgandra/Mudgee
	NSW	Northern Tablelands	Armidale
	NSW	Lower South coast	Bega
* Include Bega or Burnie-Devonport in Tasmania as it ranks much higher in need and has greater FRSP infrastructure			
62	NT	Darwin City	Darwin
87	NT	Central NT	Alice Springs
1	QLD	Brisbane City	Brisbane
2	QLD	Gold Coast City Pt B	Southport
4	QLD	Logan City	Browns Plains/Loganholme/Springwood
8	QLD	Cairns City Part A	Carins
9	QLD	Wide Bay-Burnett	Bundaberg

11	QLD	Toowoomba	Toowoomba
12	QLD	Sunshine Coast	Maroochydore
16	QLD	Townsville	Townsville
21	QLD	Caboolture	Caboolture
27	QLD	Ipswich	Ipswich
46	QLD	Rockhampton	Rockhampton
54	QLD	Mackay	Mackay
81	QLD	North West	Mt. Isa
3	SA	Northern Adelaide	Playford/Salisbury
6	SA	Southern Adelaide	Onkaparinga/Seafood/Aldinga
98	SA	Lower Sth East	Mt. Gambier
	SA	Flinders Ranges	Port Augusta
	SA	Lincoln	Port Lincoln
19	TAS	Greater Hobart	Hobart
31	TAS	Greater Launceston	Launceston
56	TAS	Burnie-Devonport	Burnie
7	VIC	Western Melbourne	Maribryong
14	VIC	Sth East Outer Melb	Cranbourne
23	VIC	Melton-Wyndham	Melton
25	VIC	Greater Geelong City Pt A	Geelong
30	VIC	Eastern Outer Melbourne	Ringwood/Croydon
34	VIC	Eastern Middle Melbourne	Waverly
36	VIC	Greater Bendigo City	Bendigo
39	VIC	South Melbourne	Brighton
45	VIC	Ballarat City	Ballarat
47	VIC	Frankston City	Frankston
49	VIC	Northern Middle Melbourne	Heidleberg
57	VIC	Inner Melbourne	Inner Melbourne/Yarra
58	VIC	La Trobe Valley	Traralgon
	VIC	Wadonga	Wadonga
	VIC	Mildura City Part A	Mildura

26	WA	North Metropolitan	Joondalup
29	WA	South West Metro	Fremantle
91	WA	Bunbury	Bunbury
	WA	King	Albany
	WA	Geraldton	Geraldton
	WA	Fitzroy	Broome
	WA	Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Kalgoorlie