

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 69**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:**

How much funding was provided to each approved marriage counselling agency in 2009-10, and how much will be provided in 2010-11?

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

Family counselling is currently jointly funded by the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Support and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). AGD provides funding for post-separation family counselling. Questions regarding the amount of funding for marriage counselling should be directed to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as the Minister responsible for early intervention and marriage counselling.