

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 81

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

For measure B, what does 'early completion' relate to?

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

This measure relates to the early completion of a range of research and evaluation activities. Six major research projects were concluded in the 2009-10 financial year. This includes:

- The AIFS Evaluation of the 2006 reforms to the family law system.
- The review of the practices, procedures and laws that apply in the federal family law courts in the context of family violence.
- Shared Care Parenting Arrangements since the 2006 Family Law Reforms
- Post-separation living arrangements: patterns and developmental outcomes for infants and children
- Family Violence and Family law in Australia – the experiences and views of children and adults who separated post-1995 and post-2006
- Family Law Council's Report on Family Violence.

This research provides a huge evidence base in this area. There is therefore a reduced need for funding for research projects in the next four years.