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Question No. 22

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

Please provide the raw data tables and statistical analysis used to select the locations for the 65 Family Relationship Centres.

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

The Department used data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and from the Department of Family and Community Services. The raw data tables obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, were in the form of electronic worksheets for each State and Territory. Due to their large size, it is not feasible to provide these worksheets in written form, but electronic copies are being provided to the committee secretariat on CD-ROM.

As Mr Cornall advised at the hearing, the question regarding the data provided to the Department by the Department of Family and Community Services would need to be directed to the Department of Family and Community Services.

The analysis of the data used by the Department is not available as it was prepared for the purpose of policy advice to the Attorney-General in his consideration of the location of the Family Relationship Centres.