

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

Program SPCG

Question No. 99

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a. Please detail what changes have occurred in the portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010.
- b. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for examples changes to Departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be eased to accommodate new staff? Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff)? Please provide details.
- c. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band, and each APS band.

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

- a. As a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010, the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment function has moved from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to the Attorney-General's Department.
- b. No.
- c. A transfer of APS employees from the Department of Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to the Attorney-General's Department will occur as a result of the changed Administrative Arrangements Orders. However, at the date of preparation of this response, the number and classification of transferring employees had not been finalised.