

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Charter Letters

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**Senator:** Fifield

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#### **Question:**

Senator FIFIELD: I want to start with the issue of charter letters. After a reshuffle, when a new minister is sworn into a portfolio, as a matter of course the Prime Minister will write a charter letter to the minister. I think Minister O'Connor is the new human services minister. I wonder if Minister O'Connor has received and conveyed to the department the charter letter from the Prime Minister.

Ms Campbell: I think that is more a question for the minister. It would be his charter letter.

Senator Lundy: I am happy to take it on notice on behalf of the minister.

#### **Answer:**

The provision of Charter Letters to the ministers is a matter between the Prime Minister and the relevant minister.