Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

How many meetings have you had with the Attorney-General's Department to discuss this? a. Have you briefed your Minister on the likely impact of these cuts on the success of the National Plan?

b. Has your Minister or a Minister assisting met with the Attorney-General about these cuts?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) worked closely together on the development of the Third Action Plan, and continue to do so in its implementation. The Department regularly meets with the AGD to discuss issues relating to the implementation of the Third Action Plan.

- a) No.
- b) The Department is not aware of whether the Minister or Assistant Minister have met with the Attorney-General about this.