

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.8 Program Support for Outcome 2 Question No: SQ17-000190

Topic: Variations in Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

In respect of the items listed as 'changes in parameters' in Table 1.3 on page 24 of the 2016/17 PAES - what factors that to you class as 'parameters' are used when estimating the figures for the forward years? How are these calculated and why do they change? For each of the years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 the reasons for the changes shown? Why are the reasons for these 'parameter changes' not included in the PAES?

Answer:

The financial tables in the PAES are prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Finance at <http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/preparing-the-2016-17-paes.DOCX>.

The definition of parameters can be found at <http://finance.gov.au/resource-management/pgpa-glossary/parameters/>.