Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Payne asked:

Also as part of the transition to the RJCP, the government will be deciding what to do with CDEP assets. Does the department maintain a list of CDEP assets? Will the department develop a list of assets which will be dealt with through the RJCP transition process, and how each of those assets will be managed? Will this information be made publicly available?

Answer:

CDEP Providers are required to maintain Asset Registers with detailed information about the Assets that they have purchased.

Late last year, FaHCSIA in consultation with each CDEP providers completed on Asset Stocktake of each CDEP grant funded asset. The Asset Stocktake includes photos of the assets, year of purchase; purchase price, registration details etc.

FaHCSIA holds and maintains copies of both the Asset Registers and the Asset Stocktake, which provide a list of the current CDEP assets.

Assets are owned by the CDEP provider subject to the conditions under which they were funded and FaHCSIA, through its Agreement Managers are currently negotiating the ongoing and future use of the Assets with the current CDEP Providers. As a result of the negotiations, the RJCP providers will be notified of any assets that may be available to them.

Once the RJCP provider has indicated what assets they are seeking from the available CDEP funded assets as negotiated between the CDEP Provider and the Agreement Manager, FaHCSIA may direct a transfer of the asset from the CDEP to the RJCP provider. This process will allow the assets to be registered by the RJCP provider, and enable the Commonwealth to maintain its interest in the assets.

Information regarding the assets that each RJCP provider may hold will not be made public, however, this information will be held by FaHCSIA.