## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings** 

Outcome Number: Cross Outcomes - Across Programmes Question No: SQ15-000556

**Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution** 

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## **Senator Ludwig, Joe** asked:

Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:

- The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
- Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
- When the contract with the firm commenced.
- When the contract with the firm will expire.
- Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
- Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

## Answer:

Please refer to SQ15-000555.