

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 098

**Topic:** Forgotten Australians

**Hansard Page:** 21/10/10 – CA56

**Senator Furner** asked:

Could you provide details of all the interactions with other departments in relation to the programs for Forgotten Australians?

**Answer:**

FaHCSIA deals with the Department of Health and Ageing on at least a monthly basis to exchange information about our respective initiatives announced in the National Apology to Forgotten Australians and former child migrants on 16 November 2009. We also liaise with that department to provide information to assist Forgotten Australians and former child migrants about health and ageing matters.

FaHCSIA liaises with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship as required on matters raised by or in relation to former child migrants.

FaHCSIA has had regular and ongoing dialogue with state and territory child welfare agencies in the lead up to implementing the new Find and Connect Service announced as part of the National Apology. This dialogue will be ongoing as the success of this service is heavily reliant on cooperation from the states and territories.

FaHCSIA also deals with states on a case by case basis to provide information to assist individual Forgotten Australians and former child migrants.