## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

**Outcome Number:** Cross

Question No: 206

Topic: NFP Contracts

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Senator Siewert asked:

Is there an Act or regulation that the Department could cite that states the requirement to acquit a government grant using an audited financial statement?

## Answer:

FaHCSIA adheres to the 2009 Commonwealth Grant Guidelines under the Financial Management and Accountability Regulations 1997 which require agencies to protect the Commonwealth's interests in ensuring that public money is used for the intended purpose balancing the stringency of acquittal procedures against the level of risk, taking into account the cost of compliance.