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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 412

Topic: Protective security policy framework

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Senator Boyce asked:

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The Department has implemented a FaHCSIA specific Protective Security Management Framework (PSMF). The PSMF is designed to provide a practical, risk-based approach to either eliminate or reduce the threats and risks to the Department to an acceptable level.

The PSMF aligns with the 33 mandatory Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) requirements detailed in the PSPF which themselves have a basis in legislation and behavioural standards such as the Crimes Act and APS Code of Conduct. FaHCSIA is well placed to comply with the 33 mandatory requirements. Non-compliance with PSPF mandatory requirements will be formally reported to the Attorney-General in August 2013.

FaHCSIA has an endorsed Security Risk Management Framework (SRMF) and ongoing Security Risk Management program.