Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator McLucas asked:

Please provide information on the outcomes and activities undertaken by the former FaHCSIA, and details of the former FaHCSIA staffing numbers.

Answer:

Former FaHCSIA outcomes, activities and staff are provided at Attachment A.

Policy responsibility for Indigenous Affairs and the Office for Women transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C).

Department of Social Services (DSS) has policy authority for the remaining ex FaHCSIA functions as well as Ageing and Aged Care; Multicultural Affairs; Settlement Services; Social Security Act income support; Disability Employment Services; Not for Profit, Philanthropy and Volunteering.

As a result of these changes, 1,021 full time equivalent are transferring from the former FaHCSIA to PM&C and around 1,700 full time equivalent are transferring from other agencies to DSS.