

**Ms Roberts – Somerville Community Services
Darwin, 23 February 2012**

Question on Notice:

Senator SIEWERT: I have got two more questions. One is on the funding for the extra workers. Has that come from—

Ms Roberts: From FaHCSIA.

Senator SIEWERT: From FaHCSIA, from the money matters program and all those programs. I always forget the names of the programs.

Ms Roberts: Some of it has been from income management. Some of it has been specifically for money management workers who were primarily meant to do financial literacy budgeting skills, prevention of financial difficulties and training with people. That is a fantastic service. I think that needs to be expanded everywhere, not just to Indigenous people but to other families too.

Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to take on notice where the different funding for the various financial workers have come from—the specific program names? Is that possible?

Ms Roberts: Yes.

Response (provided 2 March 2012):

Somerville has funding for 10.8 FTE finance workers.

1 position is funded by the **NT Department of Justice** from Gambling Amelioration funding to provide financial counselling for gambling related issues and financial literacy.

FaHCSIA funded finance workers:

1 Commonwealth Financial Counsellor

4 Financial Counsellors funded under the Income Management initiative

2 Money Management Workers funded under the Income Management initiative

2.8 FTE Financial Counsellors funded under the Income Management initiative (In the NT to provide the 1800 007 007 financial counselling helpline to communities and to Money Management Workers).

Financial Counsellors and Money Management Workers also provide financial literacy programs.