

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Shared Resources

**Question reference number:** HS 90

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
- b) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
- c) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

#### **Answer:**

- a) As a service delivery organisation, the department provides a range of services to numerous Australian Government departments, including shared services and accommodation.
- b) The services provided by the department include property management, ICT services, financial and HR functions. There are no plans to cease shared services arrangements.
- c) The costs to the department in providing these services are included in the department's overall operating budget. The department has received no additional Government appropriation for shared services.