

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Commission of Audit

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- a) I refer to answer HS 75 (n). On what dates did the DHS meet with the Commission of Audit? What aspects of the Commission's terms of reference were discussed? Please provide any documents provided to the Commission of Audit.
- b) Has DHS been advised of the recommendations of the Interim Report of the Commission of Audit? On what date was it advised? Has DHS received a copy of the Interim Report of the Commission of Audit? On what date was it received?
- c) If so, does the Report make any recommendations for change in DHS service delivery; and/or organisational structure (including amalgamation with another department(s); and/or would lead to staff reductions?

Answer:

- a) The department met with the Commission of Audit on 20 November 2013. All aspects of the terms of reference were discussed. Public release of any documents provided to the Commission of Audit by the department could affect policy deliberations.
On 13 November 2013 the department met with the Commission Secretariat.
- b) No.
- c) Not applicable.