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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Topic: Financial Counselling

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Senator Moore asked:

Currently the Federal Government funds the Financial Management Program through the Department of Social Services (formerly FaHCSIA). This funding currently expires on 30 June 2014 with no announcement of ongoing funding. Will the Minister commit to continuing this program funding into the 2014-15 financial year?

If not, given the current environment where job losses with major manufacturers and companies are on the increase, what plans does the Minister have to address the urgent need for financial counselling? With what might he propose to replace it?

Answer:

No decision has been made at this time regarding funding the Financial Management Program post June 2014. The Government is assessing all grant spending for consistency with Government priorities and commitments.