

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children

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Senator Brown asked:

In response to ES14-000402 you indicated that Children and Families Secretaries' Group "comprises heads of departments responsible for children and families". Are you able to provide a list of the specific Departments represented in the group?

Answer:

The Children and Families Secretaries (CAFS) Group comprise heads of departments responsible for children and families. The CAFS Chairperson and Secretariat is currently supported by the New South Wales Department of Family and Community Services. Administrative support for the CAFS is rotated through its membership at the conclusion of an annual term.

Each Australian Government jurisdiction is represented on the CAFS through the following agencies:

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| • Commonwealth | Department of Social Services |
| • New South Wales | Department of Family and Community Services |
| • Victoria | Department of Health and Human Services |
| • Queensland | Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services |
| • Western Australia | Department of Child Protection and Family Support |
| • South Australia | Department for Education and Child Development |
| • Tasmania | Department of Health and Human Services |
| • Australian Capital Territory | Community Services Directorate |
| • Northern Territory | Department of Children and Families |