

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

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes**

**Question No: SQ15-000127**

**Topic: Child Care**

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**Senator Lines, Sue** asked:

In relation to the machinery of government change associated with responsibility for child care moving from the Department of Education to Social Security:

- a. What was the total cost of the change?
- b. Please provide a written list of how all programs, grants and responsibilities are divided between the departments?
- c. What were the total number of staff that moved?
- d. How many SES staff moved?
- e. Please provide updated structure charts for both Departments.
- f. Have there been any staffing losses as a result of the restructure? - if yes, please provide full details of the positions lost
- g. Have there been any changes in the staff or services provided by the Department's Media team? - if yes - please detail.

**Answer:**

In relation to the Machinery of Government (MoG) changes associated with the responsibility for child care moving from the former Department of Education to the Department of Social Services (DSS):

- a. The transfer of staff to DSS was completed on 12 March 2015 and an estimate is not available.
- b. Changes to DSS outcomes and programmes are identified in the 2014-15 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.
- c. The total number of staff who transferred to DSS is 414.
- d. The total number of SES staff who transferred to DSS is 17.
- e. The DSS organisational structure is available on the DSS website.
- f. There have been no staffing losses as a result of the MoG.
- g. No.