

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 236

**Topic:** Gambling

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**Senator Bernardi** asked:

What other grants were there from the Department in relation to problem gambling since 21 August 2010?

**Answer:**

Since 21 August 2010, the Department has established two standard funding agreements in relation to problem gambling activities. These funding agreements are with UnitingCare Australia and the Gambling Impact Society of NSW.

On 21 January 2012, the Prime Minister announced the expansion of the Department's Commonwealth Financial Counselling services by \$25.6 million over four years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 for the implementation of 50 new full time equivalent financial counsellors to support people affected by problem gambling.

The Department also provides funding annually to Gambling Research Australia under a Memorandum of Understanding with all jurisdictions.