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Topic: Housing Budget

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Senator Payne asked:

Please outline any changes to the work done under program 2.1 since the 2011-12 additional estimates statements, to explain the increase in administered funding and program support now expected for the 2011-12 financial year compared with the budgeted amounts originally contained in the 2011-12 Budget. Please outline the expected staff structure for this program (including, number, position and section/branch) currently, and in future financial years.

Answer:

Additional measures have been introduced since the 2011-12 Budget resulting in the increase in administered funding. These are: Julia Creek, Queensland – seniors housing and community services; and the Social and Community Services pay equity regulation – backpay.

There are no expected changes to the staff structure for this program. The program support estimate is based on information at a point in time. It is derived using an attribution model which takes into account average staffing costs (based on expected full time equivalent staff), supplier expenses, and corporate overheads (e.g. accommodation and ICT) and staffing structures.

Decisions regarding the staffing allocations for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years will be decided once departmental budgets for each of these years are finalised.