

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Di Natale asked:

How does your Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?

Answer:

Advancing social inclusion, social justice and equity and supporting opportunities are all critical drivers of FaHCSIA's work. Through its programs, FaHCSIA supports the social inclusion vision of building a nation where all Australians have the opportunity and support they need to participate in the nation's economic and community life.

FaHCSIA recognises that the fabric of Australian society is the multicultural influences that bring together diverse abilities, skills, languages, cultures and backgrounds that characterise multiculturalism as one of our greatest national resources.

FaHCSIA aims to provide consistent and quality services to the Australian community through its staff and service providers, including Access and Equity for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) clients in program and service delivery.