

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

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Question No: 486

Topic: FaHCSIA Fraud Prevention and Compliance

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Senator Fifield asked:

- a) What sources of data are currently used within the Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to reduce inappropriate access to welfare payments?
- b) What sources of data will be discontinued within the Department of Families Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as a result of the 2012-2013 Budget Measure?

Answer:

- a) For the purposes of reducing inappropriate access to welfare payments, FaHCSIA sources data from the Department of Human Services (DHS). FaHCSIA also receives Random Sample survey data from DHS that estimates inappropriate access to welfare payments.
The data is used to inform the development of control strategies.
- b) No sources of data will be discontinued.