

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 306

Topic: Public Service efficiencies

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Senator Smith asked:

Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

For the financial year to date (20 June 2013) there has been a reduction in expenditure on consultants and an increase in expenditure on contractors. The Department engages consultants and contractors where their specialist services are required. +The Department will continue to engage consultants and contractors on this basis over the forward estimates.