

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

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 429

**Topic:** Forced Adoption

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many counselling services for those affected by forced adoption are now operational?  
How much dedicated funding has been allocated so far for these services? If not, when will they be available?

**Answer:**

A scoping study will be conducted to map the current support available for people affected by forced adoptions, determine how the system currently meets the needs of those affected, identify any gaps in the service system and suggest options for how to complement the existing services to improve the support available to those affected for forced adoptions.

This will be done in consultation with the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group.

The Australian Government has invested \$11.5 million over the next four years, including \$5 million to improve specialist support services, peer and professional counselling and supported records tracing.