

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Australian Hearing – publication of scoping study

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Senators: Cameron and Siewert

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Will the scoping study be made publicly available for the Senate to scrutinise?

Senator Payne: I do not know the answer to that, but I am happy to take that question on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Is it intended that the scoping study would be public once it is completed?

Senator Payne: That is the question that Senator Cameron just asked me.

Senator SIEWERT: I am sorry, I thought he said if the terms of reference for that would be.

Senator Payne: I thought he asked about the scoping study. I am sorry, perhaps I am confused. I will take it on notice.

Answer:

The publication of the scoping study is a matter for the Minister for Finance. The Department of Human Services has liaised with the Department of Finance to confirm that no decision has been made on the publication of the scoping study at this time.