

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

#### **Department of Human Services**

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**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

Senator CAMERON: On the National Commission of Audit phase 2 recommendations, I think No. 14 spoke about reducing the number of non-principal government bodies. At page 135 of the audit phase 2 report there is a list of nine DHS non-principal bodies ticked for other action. Are you aware of that?

Ms Campbell: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: That goes to the Child Support National Stakeholder Engagement Group, Compliance Working Group, CRS Australia, Health Professionals Online Services Sub-committee, National Multicultural Advisory Group, the National Place-Based Advisory Group, the National Student Services Partnership Group, Older Australians Working Group, and Stakeholder Consultative Group. These are mapped as 'other action'. Can you tell me what these other action issues are? What does it mean?

Senator Payne: Can we take that on notice given the number of groups there?

#### **Answer:**

Appendix volume 3 provides further detail to the recommendations outlined on page 135 of Phase 2 of the report. In Appendix volume 3, section 4.1, page 157 of the report, the National Commission of Audit recommended that the government review the ongoing need for the advisory role of eight of the nine bodies mentioned in the Senator's question. It further recommended that CRS Australia cease as scheduled.