

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

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

**Topic:** Ms Katherine Excell – Department’s Rehabilitation Obligations

**Question reference number:** HS 91

**Senator:** Bilyk

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) What, if any, consultation with Ms Excell’s treating medical professionals or rehabilitation provider was undertaken in developing the rehabilitation program that was presented to her on 13 December 1988?
- b) In a handwritten briefing note on Ms Excell’s Comcare file headed “Katrina Schramko Re: Kathy Excell” there is a paragraph at the end which says “distance ourselves as much as possible at the table on rehab authority”.
  - i) Who wrote this note?
  - ii) If the note was written by someone in DHS what is the note referring to when it says ‘distance ourselves as much as possible at the table on rehab authority’?

#### **Answer:**

- a) – b) For privacy reasons the department is unable to comment on individual cases.