

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Commission of Audit

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- a) On what date did the Department receive a copy of the NCOA report – both the final and any drafts?
- b) On what date did the Minister receive a copy?
- c) Given the short time frame between the release of the NCOA report and the Budget, to what extent did the NCOA report play a role in the Department's budget deliberations?
- d) If the Minister received the report first before the Department was the only way in which the Department undertook work on the NCOA report through receiving directions from the Minister?
- e) Is the Department continuing to work on any of the NCOA proposals?
- f) If so, which ones?
- g) What proposals, if any, affecting the Department has the Government ruled out?

Answer:

- a) 1 May 2014.
- b) 1 May 2014.
- c) The National Commission of Audit report did not affect departmental budget deliberations, which were completed in accordance with usual processes.
- d) N/A
- e) Yes.
- f) Those which formed Budget measures that were announced in the context of the 2014-15 Budget.
- g) None.