Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator Scullion asked:

What is the ratio of Indigenous Commonwealth Grant reports to those of the states and territories?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs does not hold information about Indigenous grants provided by state and territory governments and is unable to answer the question. However, according to the Indigenous Expenditure Report, 55 per cent of all Government spending on Indigenous Australians is undertaken by State and Territory Governments with the remaining 45 per cent accounted for by the Commonwealth Government. If Centrelink transfer payments are excluded, then these proportions change to 64 per cent and 36 per cent respectively.