Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: FaHCSIA has taken on notice to supply the committee with the vulnerability criteria they have worked out. Did you have any involvement with drafting of those criteria?

Mr Sandison: I would have to take that on notice, the extent to which it was a consultation or whether they provided that to us as part of the implementation plan.

Senator SIEWERT: So you have them, but—

Mr Sandison: We certainly have them, but I cannot recall whether they handed them to us, to say 'Here are the criteria' or whether we had staff involved in the actual discussion.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could take that on notice, it would be appreciated.

Mr Sandison: Certainly.

Answer:

Yes, DHS social workers met with FaHCSIA to draft the criteria for the Vulnerable measure.