

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Regarding the other five sites, the sites with the other initiatives, do you have Social Workers in those locations as well?

Mr Sandison: With all of those sites our standard servicing arrangements—

Senator SIEWERT: Sorry, above and beyond your standard servicing arrangements.

Mr Sandison: I would have to check whether specifically it was Social Workers. We brought in additional senior staff who were linked to Case Coordination, Local Connections to Work, the Jobless Families initiative and young parents. For each of those there were specific staff and they were trained. They were strength based approaches for Case Coordination. Dealing with the issues and responding and supporting the younger parents, I would have to check on whether they were specifically Social Workers versus trained senior staff.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could, that would be appreciated.

Answer:

There is an additional level of Social Worker support that has been made available, specific to young parents, as part of the Helping Young Parents measure.

Specialist staff, including Multicultural Services Officers and Indigenous Services Officers and Social Workers, are also available for people participating in the Building Australia's Future Workforce initiatives.