

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 6

Question No: 63

Topic: Violence against women and children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

"In Minister Collins' press release (<http://juliecollins.fahcsia.gov.au/node/212>) she announced that Telstra would make calls from its mobiles to the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence telephone counselling line 1800 RESPECT free of charge from the end of July. Has this occurred? How long will this be the case? Has the Office investigated or instigated discussions with other telecommunications companies like Optus or Virgin to ask them to match Telstra's offer? "

Answer:

- a) Yes
- b) Telstra advise this is reviewed annually.
- c) Yes