

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

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 205

**Topic:** NFP Contracts

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

There are a range of compliance and reporting obligations stipulated in funding agreements used to monitor the delivery of outcomes from a grant. Has your department costed those obligations and if so what inputs are included in the calculation?

**Answer:**

The Department's risk-based approach to grants administration is designed to reduce red-tape for funded organisations and to focus departmental effort in managing higher risk activities, whilst also ensuring FaHCSIA meets its financial accountabilities under the Commonwealth Financial Framework.