

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Not-for-Profit Sector

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Question:

- a) What consultation mechanisms does DHS have to include not-for-profit organisations in the development of policies and programs? What plans do you have for improving NFP consultation?
- b) Does DHS provide any special programs to small or large businesses that are not also available to small not-for-profit organisations? If so, why do you exclude NFPs?
- c) Approximately what percentage of the total staffing resource is allocated to managing not-for-profit contracts, agreements, service provision and other not-for-profit activities?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services consults with a range of stakeholders including not-for-profit organisations. Further details can be found on pages 139-142 of the Department of Human Services 2012-13 Annual Report. These arrangements are reviewed from time to time.
- b) No.
- c) The Department of Human Services does not record this information. To compile this information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.