

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 266

**Topic:** Cross Department / Corporate Matters

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

I understand that a number of Ministers, or their offices, have required new crockery and cutlery for ministerial suites? Has that happened in this portfolio? If so, how was it funded and how was the cost met? How much was expended? Which budget did the funding come from - the minister's office budget or the department? Can you provide me with advice of the basis for approving this sort of purchase?

**Answer:**

From 7 September to 31 October 2013, the Department has not incurred any expenses for new crockery and/or cutlery for our ministerial offices.