

**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:** 268

**Topic:** Cross Department / Corporate Matters

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

- a. Have you been advised of any plans to move any part of the Department of Social Services to a regional location, or to any other location in Canberra?
- b. Have you been asked to provide advice on potential implications of moving all or part of the Department to a regional area?
- c. If yes, are you aware of any work that is being done to determine the impacts that any such move may have on the local economy in Canberra?
- d. If yes, can you please provide details of:
  - o What is being planned?
  - o How many people it may impact?
  - o Whether employees have been advised of the potential moves?
  - o Whether a plan has been developed to support, and advise employees through this process?
  - o What the cost of that move is?

**Answer:**

- a. The Department has not been advised of any plans to move any part of the Department to a regional location, or to any other location in Canberra. Machinery of Government changes mean that some staff are moving from former locations in Canberra.
- b. except for current Machinery of Government changes.
- c. No.
- d. Not Applicable.
- e. Not Applicable