

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

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Question No: 400

Topic: Ministerial Office Budgets

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Senator Polley asked:

Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets? Obviously the Minister or his office cannot spend these funds on anything they like. Can you provide details of those administrative arrangements? Do the same rules apply to the Assistant Minister and Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer:

The Department's administrative arrangements to support the Minister's, the Assistant Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices are in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Australian Public Service Commission's document, '*Supporting Ministers, Upholding the Values – a good practice guide*' (2006, p.79).