

**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:** 403

**Topic:** Staffing

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Polley** asked:

What legislative framework underpins the employment of the Australian Public Service officers at Department of Social Services? What framework applies to officers transferred to the department under machinery of government changes from 7 September 2013?

**Answer:**

The *Public Service Act 1999* is the principal Act governing the establishment and operation of, and employment in, the Australian Public Service (APS). The *Public Service Act 1999* applies to all employees in the Department of Social Services on and from 7 September 2013.