

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2**

**Question No: 41**

**Topic:** Social and Community Services (SACS) Pay Equity special account

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide the start date in the Western Australian Social and Community Services National Partnership Agreement - is it being back paid? Back paid to when?

**Answer:**

The reference to the Western Australian Social and Community Services National Partnership Agreement should have been to the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Pay Equity for the Social and Community Services Sector which commenced in the 2012-13 financial year. Funding for the National Case Supplementation commenced on 1 December 2012.

Yes, NPA payments to the Western Australian Government will be back paid to 1 December 2012. Payments will commence once the Western Australian Government formally signs the NPA.