Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 50

Topic: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

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Senator Siewert asked:

Did FaHCSIA intend to sign-up for the charities passport?

Answer:

The former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) participated in discussions regarding the development and design of the Charities Passport.

The Charities Passport did not become operational until after FaHCSIA became part of the Department of Social Services (DSS) following the Machinery of Government changes in 18 September 2014. DSS did not intend to sign-up for the Charities Passport.