

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

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Question No: 381

Topic: Stronger Relationships Trial

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Has the Department provided any advice to the Minister on extending the program beyond the trial phase? Will a full and proper evaluation of the trial be conducted and publicly release?

Answer:

Any extension of the trial is a matter for Government decision.

A full and proper evaluation of the *Stronger Relationships* trial (SRT) will be conducted. Following a competitive selection process using the Department's Social Policy Research and Evaluation Panel, the Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Queensland was contracted to conduct an evaluation of the SRT. The evaluation is being conducted during 2014-15, parallel to the timing of the trial and the final evaluation report is due in the first half of 2015-16.