

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

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Question No: 402

Topic: Families and Children

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Senator Brown asked:

In relation to the Children's and Families Secretaries' Group please provide:

- (a) A list of members
- (b) Terms of reference
- (c) List of meetings to date
- (d) List of any upcoming meetings

Answer:

- (a) The Children and Families Secretaries (CAFS) membership comprises of heads of departments responsible for children and families. Observer status may be granted to interested parties at the discretion of CAFS members. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare will hold observer status on CAFS.
- (b) The CAFS Terms of Reference are still being finalised. Any release would require agreement of all jurisdictions.
- (c) The CAFS met for the first time on Thursday 13 November 2014.
- (d) A forward meeting schedule is yet to be determined. It is likely that the CAFS will meet in the first half of 2015.