

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

**Outcome Number:** 4

**Question No:** 512

**Topic:** NRAS

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**Senator McLucas** asked:

What was the purpose of the visit to Ballarat in August by Departmental staff ? On what date was this visit undertaken? Who did they meet with?

**Answer:**

Between 11 August and 13 August 2014, departmental staff were in Victoria conducting initial enquires in relation to concerns received by the Department regarding NRAS.

Departmental staff met with representatives from:

- Regional Development Victoria;
- Federation University (formerly University of Ballarat);
- MacNeil Group;
- UnitingCare Ballarat;
- St Laurence Community Services; and
- McMaster Designer Homes.