

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. How much funding is provided overall for all of these services? How much of it comes from the Attorney-General's Department and how much of it from DSS?
2. How many Family Relationship Centres are there? Where are they located?
3. What role do Family Relationship Centres play?
4. How much funding do the centres receive overall, in this financial year?
5. What will be the impact of indexation these services ceasing be?
6. How long will the indexation of these services cease for?
7. Who uses the services provided by Family Relationships service?
8. What statistics are kept on the use of these services? Can I please request a copy of these statistics?
9. How proportion of the people who use the centres are women?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. This information is available in the 2014-15 Commonwealth Budget.
2. There are 65 Family Relationship Centres (FRCs). A table with the location of each FRC is at Attachment A.
3. FRCs are a source of information and confidential advice for families at all stages in their life. The Centres provide families experiencing separation with information, advice and dispute resolution services to help them to reach agreement on parenting arrangements without going to court. They also play a key role in referring individuals, couples and families to a range of other services to enhance family relationships.

4. See answer to question 1.
5. Indexation for the Family Relationship Services Programme (FRSP) will be paused for three years from 1 July 2014. Implementing the three year pause from 2014-15 will mean a reduction of approximately \$17.5 m (GST exclusive) to the FRSP. Family law services are funded from this appropriation.
6. See answer to question 5.
7. Family law services are largely used by separated or separating families and their children.
8. A range of service usage data is captured and maintained by the Department of Social Services through the Family Support Programme Data System. Given this information is captured in a Data System it is not possible to provide 'a copy of these statistics' without far greater specificity of request.
9. Between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 female clients represented 52% of the total clients.

Family Relationship Centres – service providers, location and funding

Attachment A

Service Provider	Location
ACT	
Relationships Australia Canberra & Region	ACT including outreach to Goulburn and Cooma
NSW	
CatholicCare	Bankstown
Centacare New England North West	Tamworth (Included outreach to Moree, Narrabri, Armidale-Dumaresq, Inverell, Tenterfield)
Interrelate	Coffs Harbour
	Dubbo (Includes outreach to Cobar, Coonabarabran, Mudgee, Walgett)
	Gosford
	Taree
	Lismore (Includes outreach to Casino, Ballina, Byron Bay)
	Sutherland
	Greater Newcastle (includes outreach to Cessnock, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Scone, Singleton)
Relationships Australia (NSW)	Brookvale / Northern Beaches
	Bathurst
	Sydney City
	Penrith
	Blacktown
	North Ryde
Relationships Australia Canberra & Region Incorporated	Wagga Wagga (includes outreach to Tumut, Griffith/Leeton, Young)
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council	Parramatta
	Nowra (includes outreach to Bega, Eurobodalla Shire, Ulladulla)
UnitingCare NSW.ACT	Campbelltown
	Fairfield
	Wollongong
NT	
Relationships Australia Northern Territory Inc	Darwin Includes outreach to Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs
QLD	
Centacare Townsville	Townsville
Community Services Australia Ltd	Ipswich
UnitingCare Community	Bundaberg including outreach to Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Maryborough and Nanango, Logan and

	Sunshine Coast including outreach to Gympie
Relationships Australia (Qld)	Strathpine, Upper Mount Gravatt and Cairns
The Corporation Of The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Toowoomba Centacare	Roma, Charleville and Toowoomba
The Corporation Of The Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese Of Brisbane	Chermside and Gold Coast
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation For The Diocese Of Rockhampton	Mackay and Rockhampton
SA	
Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Mount Gambier
Catholic Diocese Of Port Pirie Inc	Port Augusta and Northern SA as identified in B.3.4
Relationship Australia (SA) Inc	Salisbury , Adelaide area bounded by North, East, South and West Terraces
Unitingcare Wesley Adelaide Incorporated	Noarlunga
TAS	
Relationship Counselling And Mediation Services Inc	Hobart, Launceston Includes outreach to Burnie, Devonport, West Coast
VIC	
CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania (Centacare Catholic Diocese Of Ballarat Inc)	Ballarat Includes outreach to Horsham, Stawell
CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania (Centacare Catholic Family Services)	Geelong Includes outreach to Colac
CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania (Centacare Diocese Of Sandhurst)	Shepparton Includes outreach to Bendigo, Deniliquin and Macedon Ranges
OzChild	Warrnambool
EACH	Ringwood
FMC Relationship Services	Chadstone
	Morwell/Traralgon Includes outreach to Bairnsdale, Orbost, Moe, Maffra, Sale
Mackillop Family Services Limited	Broadmeadows
Mallee Family Care Inc.	Mildura

	Includes outreach to Broken Hill, Swan Hill, Renmark/Berri
Relationships Australia (Victoria) Inc	Melbourne City
	Sunshine
	Greensborough
	Berwick
Southern Family Life Service Association Inc	Frankston
Upper Murray Family Care Inc.	Albury/Wodonga Includes outreach to Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Corowa
WA	
Anglicare WA	Broome, Mandurah and North Metropolitan (Joondalup)
Centrecare Inc	Midland
Relationships Australia Western Australia Incorporated	Perth City and Bunbury
The Roman Catholic Bishop Of Geraldton Centacare Family Services	Geraldton Includes outreach to Carnarvon, Exmouth, Meekathara