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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: There is some concern that the assumptions being made do not fit the whole spectrum of the sector and that is why I am asking about it. Also, the situation is different in the different states and territories, and I will come to my own state of Western Australia shortly. When you say the response was valid, was it valid because of the proportion of responses compared with the questionnaires sent out or because it covered the number and spread of organisations that needed to be addressed?

Mr Saunders: I think it was a stratified sample and it was valid in the strata. I do not have all that information with me.

Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that. Please take it on notice.

Mr Saunders: Yes.

Answer:

An extensive sampling frame was created covering 3,074 funded projects or activities. The stratified sample was selected to ensure sampled projects were representative of the funding level received and the nine departmental program streams. Detailed information on the sampling approach and the statistical validity of the survey is available in the report prepared by the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW and available on their website.