

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 82

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

What is the likely impact on the delivery of post-separation services?

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

In relation to funding for research activities, it is not expected the decision to reduce funding for future research activities will have any impact on the delivery of post-separation services. Six major research projects were concluded in this financial year. This includes the AIFS Evaluation which was the largest empirical examination of the family law system ever. This research provides a large evidence base in this area. There is therefore a reduced need for funding for research projects in the next four years.