

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Domestic Violence Exemptions

**Question reference number:** HSW 3

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

From previous Estimates, a total of 509 'domestic violence/relationship breakdown' exemptions were granted during the period 1 July 2010 to 30 August 2011. These exemptions represented 0.11 per cent of the total 429,106 exemptions granted to job seekers during this period.

Can you please provide an update on the total number of exemptions granted since 1 September 2011 and the number of those exemptions which were due to domestic violence/relationship breakdown?

#### **Answer:**

The Department of Human Services provided a response to this Question on Notice on 26 March 2012. A recent refinement of data extraction has identified an error in the data originally provided. This revised data has been included below.

The total number of exemptions granted to job seekers from 1 September 2011 to 17 February 2012 was 211,318. Of these, a total of 297 exemptions were granted due to domestic violence or relationship breakdown.