Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Child Support matter - assessment

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Senator: Xenophon

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Question:

Ms Campbell: The matter commenced with a child support assessment. I am not sure we would characterise it as the agency getting it wrong.

Senator XENOPHON: Let us put it this way: I understand that an objections officer and the Social Security Appeals Tribunal both agreed that the original assessment was out, or wrong, by about 50 per cent. Can I clarify it? Having read the documents, the original assessment was \$12,000 but was later reduced to \$7,000.

Mr Hutson: I am sorry; I do not have that level of detail in front of me.

Senator XENOPHON: I do. You may want to take it on notice if you think that is wrong.

Mr Hutson: Sure.

Answer:

See answer to HS 19.