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Topic: Saver Plus Evaluation

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Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Over what period of time did the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology evaluation look at the saving habits of participants? Over more than three years or just three years?
- b) Can you confirm that it was in fact a 2007 evaluation, and that it was commissioned by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ?

Answer:

- (a) Five Saver Plus evaluations were conducted between July 2003 and December 2009.
- The first evaluation considered the pilot project outcomes and looked at Phase 1 clients who participated in the program from July 2003 to December 2004.
 - The second evaluation was a follow up study of Phase 1 clients (12 months after completion of the program) and was published in February 2006.
 - The third evaluation included project outcomes for phase 2 clients who participated in 2005 and was published in September 2006,
 - The fourth evaluation was a follow up of Phase 1 and Phase 2 participants (24 months and 12 months respectively after completion of the program) and was published in February 2007.
 - The fifth evaluation looked at Phase 3 clients up to three years after they commenced participating in the program from 1 April 2006 until 30 June 2009. This evaluation was published in December 2009.
- (b) No, the reference is to the “*Saver plus – 2008 Interim report.*” All of the Royal Melbourne Institute for Technology evaluations of the Saver Plus programme conducted to date were commissioned by the Brotherhood of Saint Laurence and ANZ.