

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Senator: Xenophon

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Question:

Senator Xenophon: The answer I got back in June question on notice HS37 was that, as at 23 June 2015, the external lawyers had estimated the total cost to be \$6,710 GST inclusive. That seems to be in excess and that was back then. I would like to know how much more has been incurred.

Ms Campbell: I am not sure we are going to be able to provide a good answer.

Senator XENOPHON: That is okay. I will go to another Western Australian case.

Ms Campbell: We will take that one on notice.

Answer:

As at 6 November 2015, with respect to the Western Australian parent's enforcement case, the external legal costs increased by \$111.10, taking the total to \$6,821.10 (GST inclusive).