

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Centrepay - Thorn Group

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

a) Senator CAMERON:Can you confirm that the Thorn Group paid around \$800,000 to DHS in admin fees for 2014-15?

Mr Learmonth: We will take that on notice.

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b) Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me with all correspondence between DHS and Thorn Group on this issue?

Mr Learmonth: We will take that on notice.

c) Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me with all emails and all internal file notes in relation to this issue? I want to know what you have done.

Mr Learmonth: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

a) Thorn Australia Pty Ltd paid \$727,851 in Centrepay transaction fees to the Department of Human Services in the 2014-15 financial year.

b), c) The preparation of answers to parts (b) and (c) of this question would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.