Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

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Question:

What reasons have the Department discovered for the increase of 18.8% in customer complaints in Centrelink other than those identified in the annual report.

Answer:

The introduction of new programmes has contributed to the increased volume of complaints received for the Centrelink programme. In addition, there is also a notable increase in digital service complaints, which could be attributed to the increase in uptake of customers using digital self-managed services.