



Thursday, August 1, 2024

*Hon. Bill Shorten
Minister for the NDIS
Minister for Government Services*

*Cc: Mr David Hazlehurst
Chief Executive Officer
Services Australia*

Dear Minister,

We are writing to you concerning the return of Questions on Notice arising from the Community Affairs Legislation Committee's work into the 2024-25 budget estimates.

As you are aware, the Committee fixed the date for the return of Questions on Notice as Thursday, 25 July 2024.

We have been informed that as at 9.00 AM of 1 August 2024, 63 Questions on Notice submitted to you and your agency, Services Australia, remain overdue and unanswered.

This delay is unacceptable, and impedes the capacity of the Senate to properly scrutinise your performance and that of Services Australia.

Unfortunately, this is now the fifth such occasion where you have failed to comply with the Committee's directions regarding the answering of Questions on Notice.

We also note that you have consistently failed to answer Questions in Writing in the House of Representatives within the sixty days timeline established in the Standing Orders, and that orders for the production of documents concerning your agency are yet to be complied with.

Given the above, we seek your urgent advice as to when the 63 overdue and unanswered Questions on Notice will be answered.

We look forward to your prompt reply,

Senator Hollie Hughes

Senator Maria Kovacic