Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Item 52 of the Bill

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Question:

Item 52 of the Bill allows the Secretary to obtain JobKeeper information from the Commissioner of Taxation. How long will the Secretary be able to obtain and use this information for under this Bill?

Answer:

Item 52 of Schedule 1 to the Social Services and Other Legislation (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill provides for the continuation of parts of the Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response – 2020 Measures No. 5) Determination 2020 after 28 March 2021.

Item 52 only permits JobKeeper information to be provided to Services Australia on or before 28 March 2021. From 29 March 2021 this data can no longer be obtained. Information provided to Services Australian on or before 28 March 2021 can continue to be used.