

Department of Social Services

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Inquiry into the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment
(Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025**

Public Hearing – 3 October 2025

Topic: Debt wavier

Question reference number: IQ25-000029

Question asked by: Penny Allman-Payne

Type of Question: Written. **Hansard Page/s:** N/A

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 14 October 2025

Question:

If the bill were not passed, what is the total potential outstanding liability of the Government in the case of legal challenges including, but not limited to, a class action from those impacted by unlawfully incurred debts? Has the government modelled this potential risk?

Answer:

It is not possible to assess a total potential outstanding liability of the Government for an unspecified legal challenge.