# **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

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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.