

Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question 4 - Participation

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Senator: Marielle Smith

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Question:

Senator MARIELLE SMITH: I want to go to some questions around participation in the scheme. Who should I direct them to?

Ms Hefren-Webb: Direct them to me in the first instance.

Senator MARIELLE SMITH: How many survivors have received payments under the funder-of-last-resort provisions? I know you mentioned the institutions involved in that, but how many survivors have received payments?

Ms Hefren-Webb: We wouldn't have that data. It would be a small number, I think, because, as we said earlier, only 15 institutions have been declared under funder-of-last-resort. I might be able to tell you how many applications that relates to.

Ms McGuirk: We don't have that here.

Ms Hefren-Webb: I don't have the total. In most cases it relates to one or two applications. There is one funder-of-last-resort institution that relates to 21 applications, but I don't know how many of those would have been assessed yet, so I can't give you that figure. We can come back on those.

Ms McGuirk: We can provide that on notice. Sometimes people wait until an institution has been declared before they put their application in, so the number of applications we had on hold at the time that the institution was declared may not represent the number of applications that progress as a result of that funder of last resort being declared. We can provide information on that to you on notice.

Answer:

As at 7 October 2020, there are 88 applications that have named a funder of last resort institution. Twenty-nine of these applications have been determined and of those, 20 payments have been made.