

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

DESIGN, SCOPE, COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS, CONTRACTS AWARDED AND IMPLEMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM INITIATIVE

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Mr Hutson: Sure. I will make a couple of remarks. The first is that the number of people who are actually asked to provide evidence of their previous employment, either through payslips or through bank statements, is actually very small.

Senator BILYK: How small?

Mr Hutson: I think we have got a question on notice about the number of—

Senator BILYK: If not, can you take that on notice?

Answer:

3,466 or 1.98% of customers who had a completed assessment as at 28 February 2017 have been asked to clarify information about their previous employment.

During the reassessment process where individuals are able to provide further information to inform their review, an additional 5,682 (3.24%) were asked to clarify information.