

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

INQUIRY INTO CENTRELINK'S COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio
Services Australia

Topic: Minute – FOI decision

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Member: Deborah O'Neill

Type of question: Written.

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Question:

CHAIR: Thank you. In the Commonwealth Ombudsman's 2017 report into the automated debt-raising process, there was a statement that: In early 2015 DHS proposed a new online approach to compliance which would allow it to review all discrepancies from 2010-2011. I understand that that executive minute has actually been asked for under FOI and that that was refused. Can you make that minute available to us, please. Ms Campbell: I'd have to take that on notice.

CHAIR: Why is that?

Answer:

The Minister has made a public interest immunity claim with respect to the document as revealing this information would or could reasonably be expected to disclose the deliberations of Cabinet.