

## **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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**Member:** Senator Watt

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#### **Question:**

**Senator WATT:** Yes, could you take that on notice please. Similarly, could you take on notice how many debts have been raised in New South Wales and the value of those debts. When I am talking about debts raised, what I am interested in is the total figure that people were initially asked to repay and also the figure which, it has essentially been accepted, the person does genuinely owe. In some of the earlier hearings we have been given a large figure for the amount of money that the department has asked to be repaid, but it has turned out that a smaller proportion of that was actually owed once further information came to light, so I am interested in both those figures for New South Wales.

**Mr Mowbray-d'Arbela:** Alright.

#### **Answer:**

The total debts originally raised in New South Wales prior to reassessments was 42,750 amounting to \$99m. The total current debt amount is \$81m. A recipient is always able to provide new information into a reassessment or a review. When new information is provided, the assessment of that person's debt may change.