

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: Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee inquiry into the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025

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Question:

Senator ALLMAN-PAYNE: And I've got a few questions that we'll put to you in writing, on notice, around specific numbers and things, but I'm conscious of time so won't put them to you now. Can you advise, based on your current modelling, how many individuals you believe are expected to receive compensation under the proposed resolution scheme?

Mr Flavel: I might take that on notice in terms of the specific number. I need to point out that, while we will have made an estimate, it is a demand-driven scheme. So, whatever estimate we've made, if more people apply then more money will be made available. It's not a scheme that's limited in the amount of dollars. It's limited only in terms of somebody's underlying eligibility for the scheme itself.

Answer:

The actual number of people who will receive a resolution payment via the income apportionment resolution scheme will be dependent on the number of people who apply and are eligible for a resolution payment. It is not possible to state with certainty how many people will receive a resolution payment in a claims-driven system.