

Question on notice no. 296

Portfolio question number: SQ23-000970

2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates

Community Affairs Committee, Services Australia Portfolio

Senator Gerard Rennick: asked the Services Australia on 6 November 2023—

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How many of these claims are still outstanding?

What's the average time for a claim to be processed?

How many claims have been paid out on to date, and what is the amount of compensation?

Answer —

Please see attached answer.

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Supplementary Budget Estimates – 25 October 2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

The Hon Bill Shorten MP

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Minister for Government Services

Topic: COVID 19 Claims

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Outcome Number: 1

Senator: Gerard Rennick

Type of Question: Written.

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 15 December 2023

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2. How many of these claims are still outstanding?
3. What's the average time for a claim to be processed?
4. How many claims have been paid out on to date, and what is the amount of compensation?

Answer:

As at 31 August 2023:

1. 3,805 claims have been submitted.
2. 1,625 claims are in progress at various stages of the claim assessment process.
3. Average of 297 days for claims to be paid, deemed not payable, or withdrawn, including up to six months for claimants to consider a deed of settlement.
4. \$11.1 million has been paid across 199 claims.