

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 113

Topic: Ongoing Residency Requirement for Disability Support Pension

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

I refer to the *Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010*.

The Bill was listed for debate in the Senate in the final sitting week of last year, but then disappeared from the program.

Senator McLucas, why did the Government withdraw this legislation from consideration by the Senate last year, given it contained two time critical measures in relation to DSP and Special Disability Trusts?

Answer:

The *Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010* was introduced into the Senate on 22 November 2010 and remained on the notice paper, awaiting debate. It was not withdrawn from the program.

The legislation has since been passed with amendments.