Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 189

Topic: ADE Supported Employee Superannuation

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Senator Fifield asked:

Since 1 January 2010;

- a) what is the additional cost per ADE that has resulted from changes to supported employee superannuation arrangements?
- b) What is the average cost for ADEs as a result of the new arrangements?
- c) What is the forecast cost to ADEs as a result of the new arrangements over the next ten years?

Answer:

Additional cost per ADE data has not been collected by the Department as this information is determined through individual agreements between employers and employees.

Prior to 1 January 2010, there was no compulsory superannuation for those employees earning less than \$450 per month. However, some ADE's did pay superannuation to their supported employees, regardless of what they earned, which would result in minimal or no additional costs to the ADE.