

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Increase in the number of internal reviews of adverse DSP decisions

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Has the department been directed by government to more closely scrutinise applicants for the DSP?

Ms Campbell : We administer government policy as per the legislation and the guidance that is provided by policy departments.

Senator CAMERON: So, nothing has changed at this stage.

Ms Campbell : No.

Senator CAMERON: Okay; I will come back to that. Is the department experiencing an increase in the number of internal reviews or appeals against adverse DSP decisions?

Ms Campbell : I think we would have to take that one on notice. I do not think we have that number here.

Answer:

Overall, the department has not experienced an increase in the number of customers seeking to exercise their right of review against adverse DSP decisions.