Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Multiple Debts

Question reference number: HS 125

Senator: Cameron

Type of question: Written

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Question:

a) I refer to HS 88. How many customers have multiple debts?

b) If unable to be identified, will the ability to identify customers with multiple debts be a feature of any new IT system? Which system?

Answer:

a) The following table provides a breakdown of the number of customers with an outstanding debt as at 28 February 2014.

One Outstanding Debt	458,277
Multiple Outstanding Debts	203,402

b) Not applicable.