

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 210

Topic: CDEP Costing Arrangements

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Can the Department provide the figures estimating the shortfall between the budgeted amounts of CDEP wages and the actual expenditure on CDEP wages? Was the unspent money allocated to consolidated revenue; diverted to Centrelink; or allocated for the roll-overed contract year of 2012-13?

Answer:

There is no shortfall between budgeted amounts of CDEP Wage Funds and the actual expenditure on CDEP participant payments.

CDEP Wage Funds are released to the provider based upon the number of active, grandfathered, participants.

In instances whereby CDEP Wage Funds released to a Provider are greater than what is needed to pay CDEP participant payments the balance of CDEP Wage Funds are recovered and returned to consolidated revenue. Funds recovered in 2009-10 equated to approximately \$2.7 million.

There will be no CDEP Wage Funds for 2012-13 as all participants will transition to income support between April and June 2012.