

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Northern Territory Debts - CDEP

**Question reference number:** HS 101

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) What percentage of Centrelink debt in the Northern Territory arises due to CDEP participants' failure to declare earnings correctly?
- b) What is the total value of this debt?
- c) How many of these types of debt exist?

#### **Answer:**

- a) to c) In the Northern Territory, from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, there have been 13 debts raised under CDEP due to incorrect reporting of earnings, with a total value of \$24,334. This is less than 1 per cent of the total debts raised in the Northern Territory.