

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) Budget Paper 2 states that the Department of Human Services expand the range of data that is used to reduce inappropriate access to welfare payments. What sources of data are currently used within the Department of Human Services to reduce inappropriate access to welfare payments?
- b) What sources of data will be discontinued within the Department of Human Services as a result of the 2012-2013 Budget Measure?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Taxation Office, Medicare, Australian Crime Commission, Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Australian Electoral Commission, Birth Deaths and Marriages, commercially purchased data (eg Veda, White Pages), Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, eBay, internal Centrelink data, Australia Post and public tip-offs.
- b) None.