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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question:

a) Senator SIEWERT: What percentage of people that have been referred in the
    Northern Territory for assessment for vulnerability have been determined to be
    vulnerable by your agency?
    Mr Tidswell: I would have to take that on notice. We might have a look at that and
    come back to you during the evening.
    Senator SIEWERT: If you could come back to me during the evening, it would be
    appreciated.
    Mr Tidswell: We will have to sit down and look at, as you know, all our bits and
    pieces of information and see.

b) Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. When we are talking about external organisations
    and agencies that could refer against the four current indicators, which agencies
    are we talking about and which agencies have you already provided training
    and/or support to to be able to make referrals?
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    Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. You have provided me with a list of agencies that
    you have been talking to as part of the meeting process in each of these regions.
    Are you able to provide me with a list of the agencies that you have been talking
    to and each of the regions in terms of actual referral agencies?
    Ms Ramsey: Yes, we can do that on notice, Senator.
    Senator SIEWERT: Please take it on notice.

Answer:

a) Of the total number of customers referred for a Vulnerable Welfare Payment
    Recipient assessment, 44.62 per cent were assessed as vulnerable during 2011-12.

b) General discussions have occurred with many organisations in regard to the Place
    Based Income Management implementation. However, the only discussion
    regarding possible referrals from agencies has been with the State Housing and
    Child Protection Authorities in each of the Place Based Income Management
    locations.