

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Income support payments

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**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

Senator CAMERON: Given that this made such prominent media—and that is not unusual when the Treasurer actually puts the story in the press and commented on the story—was there a discussion between DHS and DSS about the implications for DHS customers and DSS welfare recipients?

Ms Golightly: Not that I recall directly, because it would have been questions around the amount, and that is a policy matter. DSS would have been handling that one itself. It may have checked some of the facts against our publications. But I can check for you. I do not recall any specific-

#### **Answer:**

No. The department did not have any discussions with the Department of Social Services on this matter.