

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

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

**Topic:** Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment

**Question reference number:** HS 40

**Senator:** Kroger

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#### **Question:**

Senator KROGER: Were all these people in Australia when they were calling the hotline? Were some of these people overseas? What were the parameters? Was it permanent residency status?

Mr Tidswell: That would be my understanding. I believe we do have some people overseas; just people who are Australian citizens across the world. I do not have that information directly in front of me about numbers that may have applied when they were overseas, and have come back and forth and what have you, but we can take that on notice.

#### **Answer:**

The Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Hotline has received calls from people within Australia, and overseas. A reverse charges number is provided for overseas callers.

As at close of business on Wednesday 18 June 2014, there have been ten claimants identified as residing overseas when they lodged claims for the Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment.

To qualify for the Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment, a person must be an Australian resident on the day the terrorist act occurred.