

## 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

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**Senator:** Kroger

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#### **Question:**

- a) Senator KROGER: A question was put to me locally, so I am asking this I guess for them. You mentioned whether the claim was for a relative who was, I presume, deceased. How many of the claims have been for primary victims? How do you refer to families or relatives—as secondary victims?

Ms Golightly: Yes.

Senator KROGER: What is the breakdown of those 400 claims?

Mr Tidswell: We will have to take that on notice. I do not seem to have it here with me.

Ms Golightly: We have total claims rather than a breakdown.

Mr Tidswell: We used to have that broken down. We can get that quite quickly.

- b) Senator KROGER: Yes, if it is not hard. I understand the significance of all the things you are doing at the moment. My other request is in relation to the outstanding claims. I think the person that has spoken to me about this might be one of those. Are they all secondary victims? Are they all claims from associated family members or relatives?

Mr Tidswell: I am not quite sure. Again, I would have to take that on notice.

#### **Answer:**

- a) As at the close of business on Wednesday 18 June 2014:
- of the 602 claims received, 348 were primary victim claims and 254 were secondary victim claims; and
  - of the 433 claims granted, 260 were primary victim claim and 173 were secondary victim claims.
- b) As at the close of business on Wednesday 18 June 2014, there were 45 claims pending, of which:
- 38 were primary victim claims; and
  - 7 were secondary victim claims.