

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Ms Katherine Excell – Claim for Compensation

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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

Ms Excell made a claim for compensation under the Compensation for Detriment Caused by Defective Administration (CDDA) scheme but was told instead that it would be considered pursuant to section 73 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

- a) Why was Ms Excell's claim not considered under the CDDA scheme?
- b) Did the Department seek legal advice as to whether they were required to consider Ms Excell's CDDA claim under the CDDA scheme unless she chose to withdraw her claim?
- c) If not, will the Department seek such advice?
- d) What is the progress of processing Ms Excell's claim for compensation?

Answer:

- a) – d) For privacy reasons the Department of Human Services is unable to comment on the progress of an individual's claim for discretionary compensation.