

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 3 JUNE 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

**Topic:** Child Support-costs recovery from enforcement orders

**Question reference number:** HS 39

**Senator:** Xenophon

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

How much does the Department recover by way of costs awarded in favour of the Child Support Registrar from enforcement orders?

#### **Answer:**

In making an application for enforcement, the Department will seek an enforcement order as well as an order from the Court that the respondent will pay a portion of the legal costs it has incurred.

Since the inception of the Child Support Scheme in 1988, a total of \$9.7 million in costs and fines has been raised. Of those, \$7.6 million has been recovered.