

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 3 JUNE 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Payment by Cheque/Budget Measure - Efficiencies

Question reference number: HS 47

Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- a) What are the savings to be made from ceasing payment by cheques under this savings measure?
- b) How many people are currently paid by cheque? Provide a breakdown by payment type and age?
- c) How long have people been paid by cheque?
- d) What work has the department undertaken into the circumstances of people who are currently being paid by cheque?
- e) How will the department ensure that these people, who may have mental health issues, continue to receive income support?
- f) How will the department make sure that people impacted are not excluded from the banking system?

Answer:

- a) to f) - Please refer to question HS 40.