

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

What assumptions are made when determining amounts “saved”?

Answer:

Assumptions are made on the level and value of incorrect payments detected which are then projected forward for a number of fortnights, based on the estimated period that the incorrect payment would have continued if the intervention had not occurred. Assumptions will vary across payments and measures.

The assumptions are developed through analysis of the administrative data and agreed between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Finance.