

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

Outcome Number: 1.12 - Programme Support for Outcome 1 Question No: SQ15-000582

Topic: Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

If such a person had a partner, how can DHS make assumptions that the partner may not find work in a few weeks, which could mean that the job seeker would no longer be eligible for payment, and no “future” savings would eventuate?

Answer:

The assumptions used are developed through analysis of the administrative data that includes a significant number of actual incorrect payment events including the circumstance referenced above.