

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 6 MAY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

**Topic:** Senate Additional Estimates – overdue answers to questions on notice – Minister’s obligation

**Question reference number:** HS 2

**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

Senator CAMERON: Minister, where do you see the minister's obligation being on this?

Senator Payne: I have already said that I will seek advice from the minister on the matter for you. Obviously, as I indicated, there are in excess of 150 questions. Of those, 128 have been answered. A relatively small number have not. I gather from your questioning that this question is part of that number. I will seek some advice on that for you.

Senator CAMERON: It is not just a relatively small number. It is some of the most important questions that have been in writing to the minister and to the department. There are responsibilities to answer questions and they have not been met.

Senator Payne: And I have said that I will seek advice from the minister on that for you.

#### **Answer:**

All answers to questions taken on notice from the Additional Estimates have now been tabled.