

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

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

**Topic:** Youth Allowance (Student) - processing delays

**Question reference number:** HS 3

**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

Senator CAMERON: When was the minister advised there was a problem?

Mr Tidswell: I do not know exactly. I am slightly challenged because I was on some long service leave and only returned on 28 or 29 February. When I returned to my substantive position, this was the highest priority for me. I suspect I would have personally briefed the minister face-to-face on these matters around that time, when I returned.

Senator CAMERON: What date was that?

Mr Tidswell: About 28 or 29 February. However, I am sure we provided some advice previously about what we were doing in that area.

Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice to provide the dates when the minister was briefed on this issue?

Mr Tidswell: Yes, Senator.

#### **Answer:**

On 9 March 2016, the Minister for Human Services was provided with a written brief about Student claims processing.