

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

**Topic:** School Enrolment and Attendance Measure

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**Senator:** Siewart

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#### **Question:**

**Senator SIEWERT:** Can I ask a question on notice. It goes back to the same thing; it is a question I forgot to ask. You know when you are going through the process and you write out letters to people because their children are not at school? You can take it on notice, because I know we have done it. You probably write out to a lot more people than are actually suspended. Could you tell me how many people you write out to—in other words, the people who address the situation without needing to be suspended? Is that information that you would have?

**Mr Tidswell:** Is this in relation to SEAM?

**Senator SIEWERT:** Yes, it is SEAM.

**Mr Tidswell:** I am not quite sure, but we will take that on notice.

**Senator SIEWERT:** That is what I meant. Take it on notice. I was not going to revisit it. Thank you.

#### **Answer:**

Since the commencement of the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) trial in January 2009, a total of 385 parents have received a SEAM attendance notice and have not had their payment suspended. [This data is as of 26 August 2011.]