

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: How many claims of alleged fraud of the AGDRP have resulted from November 2011 to the current date?

Mr Popple: I do not have the total figure, but in terms of the Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian floods in January, February and March this year, we are currently assessing 44 cases, but no cases have yet been referred for prosecution and no debts have been raised, either.

Senator McKENZIE: Could you take on notice to split those by state.

Mr Popple: Yes.

Answer:

From November 2011 to 18 October 2012, 46 cases have been referred for investigation. The state breakdown of individual customers referred for investigation is as follows:

State	Number of Customers
NSW	34
QLD	9
VIC	3
ACT	0
NT	0
SA	0
TAS	0
WA	0
Total	46