

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Centrelink Payment Decisions Overturned after Media Exposure

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

- a) What is the overturn rate of Centrelink payment decisions that are the subject of media coverage and how does this compare to other decisions that have been overturned?
- b) How many reviews have been initiated over the past five years as a result of (i) media coverage or (ii) inquiry from a Member of Parliament?

Answer:

- a) The Department does not hold specific data in relation to decisions subject to media coverage or the outcome of the decision.
- b) The Department does not hold specific data in relation to reviews initiated as a result of media coverage or an inquiry from a Member of Parliament.