

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Centrelink Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment – Griffith area

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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

- a) The Area News in Griffith reported in June that ‘a number of local Centrelink clients had been sent letters confirming they were eligible for the \$1,000 one-off government flood grant and the money had been paid into their bank accounts.
- b) However, the clients had never applied for the grants, nor had they received any money and the accounts listed were not their own.
- c) What actions have Centrelink taken in relation to this matter since June? Have the culprits been found?
- d) Has anyone been charged with fraud?

Answer:

An investigation is underway regarding this matter and any comment on its progress at this stage may compromise the investigation.