

## **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

**Question reference number:** HS 138

**Senator:** McKenzie

**Type of question:** Written question

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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.