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Department of Human Services

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Question:

Mr Withnell: In 2012-13 we raised \$227 million in debt from data-matching.

Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to calculate how much it cost to raise the debt? You have identified the \$2 million, and I suppose that is easier because you know how many resources you have put into the tip-off line.

Mr Withnell: We could provide how much it costs to do the data-matching reviews. There are a number of elements to the process which would be hard to break down. Whether I have that figure here, I am not sure.

Senator SIEWERT: It is just the overall figure I need, not the elements of it.

Mr Withnell: We will take it on notice.

Ms Golightly: Most of the initial data-matching is automatic, because it is electronic, and then there is the assessment. We will take it on notice and see what we can get for you.

Answer:

In 2012-13 it cost \$86,005,112 to deliver the data matching reviews, including risk profiling.