Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Customer Aggression

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Question:

For each month from 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2013 provide:

- a) the numbers of times that duress alarms were used at Centrelink offices; and
- b) the number of customer 'aggression' incidents.

Answer:

a) The number of uses of the duress alarms at Department of Human Services' offices each month from 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2013:

	Number of customer aggression reports that state that the duress alarm was used.											
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2012/13	71	108	108	113	101	88	95	73	85	62	96	83
2013/14	101	83	94	104								

Note: multiple customer aggression reports can be recorded for one incident.

b) The number of customer aggression reports submitted each month from 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2013:

	Number of customer aggression reports submitted											
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2012/2013	528	736	645	674	705	543	603	587	591	556	743	593
2013/2014	743	809	680	745								

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