

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Administrative Appeals Tribunal

**Question reference number:** HS 80

**Senator:** Cameron

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Can you please provide the number of appeals from decisions of Centrelink to the AAT in 2012-13?
- b) Can you please provide the number of appeals from decisions of Centrelink to the AAT in 2013-14 to date?
- c) Does the AAT collect data on reasons for appeals?
- d) If so, can you provide data on reasons for appeals?

#### **Answer:**

- a) In 2012-13 the number of merit review applications lodged in the AAT by customers was 1,919. In 2012-13 the number of merit review applications lodged in the AAT by the Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs was 48.
- b) As at 30 November 2013 the number of merit review applications lodged in the AAT by customers was 893. As at 30 November 2013 the number of merit review applications lodged in the AAT by the Secretary of the Department of Social Services was 16.
- c) The Department of Human Services does not hold this information.
- d) The Department of Human Services does not hold this information.