

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Social Security Appeals Tribunal

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Question:

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

Answer:

- a) and b) The number of appeals to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are listed in the table below

Financial year:	2012-13	July 2013 to 30 Sept 2013
Applications to SSAT	12,166 ¹	2,494 ²

- c) and d) The department does not collect this data. It is the responsibility of the SSAT.

¹ LSR ADH QON Indigenous Appeals Report 20130630

² Source: LSR QTR Merit Review Appeals 20130930