Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

a) Provide a breakdown of applications at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and The Administrative Appeals Tribunal in NSW, QLD and the NT by:

- 1) Local Government Areas; and
- 2) Metropolitan, regional, outer-regional and remote location.
- b) How many Indigenous clients lodged a social security appeal at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 2013-14?

Answer:

a) Applications at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and Administrative Appeals Tribunals in 2013-14 for NSW, QLD and NT is as follows:

State	Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Customer Appeal)	Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Secretary Appeal)
NSW	3,331	743	10
NT	85	16	7
QLD	1,829	309	2

To compile an answer to this question in the manner requested (by Local Government Areas and metropolitan, regional, outer-regional and remote location) would represent a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources.

b) For the period 2013-14, 59 customers who identified as Indigenous lodged a social security appeal at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.