Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 300

Topic: Sickness Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the projected costs of Sickness Allowance over the forward estimates by month.

Answer:

Total annual expenditure for Sickness Allowance for 2014-15 is published in the Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statement 2014-15 on page 82.

The following table provides projected administered expenditure by month for Sickness Allowance for 2014-15.

Month	\$m
July	9.324
August	8.152
September	8.730
October	8.554
November	7.551
December	9.148
January	8.915
February	7.971
March	9.378
April	7.783
May	8.226
June	7.975
Total	101.707

Note:

- 1) Projected expenditure is not readily available by month for financial years beyond 2014-15.
- 2) Variations in forecast expenditure can occur due to a variety of reasons such as policy changes, changes in population and labour market and economic circumstances.