

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Child Support – WA Case – Debt Amount

**Question reference number:** HS 20

**Senator:** Xenophon

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#### **Question:**

- a) Senator XENOPHON: Wasn't there a registrar's assessment of \$5,900 after the farmer made an offer in writing to pay \$6,619?

Ms Musolino: That is not the information I have. I could take it on notice, but the information I have is that that was the debt amount.

Senator XENOPHON: That was the debt amount. Then there was a proper assessment carried out and the registrar's assessment was that he pay approximately \$5,900.

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- b) Senator XENOPHON: .... I am trying to work out what the legal fees are to date in respect of a matter that, had the offer been accepted earlier on, would have saved a lot of cost and anguish for both the father and the mother.

Ms Campbell: Unfortunately, I do not think we have got the same information at the table that you have. We are not able to answer the specific case. We could take it on notice, of course. I am trying to see if we have a general principle or a policy position on some cases.

#### **Answer:**

- a) See HS 159.  
b) \$6,821.10 (GST inclusive).