

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

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

**Topic:** Centrepay Consumer Leases

**Question reference number:** HS 43

**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

- a) How many consumer leasing companies are there now in Centrepay?
- b) How many Centrelink customers are having deductions made to consumer leasing companies?
- c) How many companies are no longer having deductions made since the changes were announced in May?
- d) How much money is being paid to consumer leasing companies?

#### **Answer:**

- a) As at 30 September 2015, there were 272 consumer lease businesses using Centrepay.
- b) As at 30 September 2015, there were 123,184 customers with Centrepay deductions to consumer leasing businesses.
- c) There are 48 businesses which are no longer receiving Centrepay deductions for household goods since the changes were announced on 22 May 2015.
- d) For the month of September 2015, a total of \$26,694,727.31 was paid to consumer leasing businesses.