

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

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

**Topic:** Waiver of Debts under the Special Circumstances Provisions

**Question reference number:** HS 220

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

In relation to Centrelink overpayments waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act ('special circumstances') in the 2014-15:

- a) What was the total value of debts waived and the number of individuals whose debts were waived?
- b) What was the average level of debt waived?

#### **Answer:**

- a) In 2014-15 the total value of debts waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) was \$14,289,504.  
The number of individuals whose debts were waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) in 2014-15 was 6,768.
- b) In 2014-15 the average level of debt waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) was \$2,111.