

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

In the Budget Estimates earlier this year I raised the issue of the superannuation claims of former and current Commonwealth Public Service employees. This relates to former ABC news journalists who were wrongly classified as temporary, not permanent, and were excluded from Commonwealth superannuation along with possibly thousands of other Commonwealth staff. Can the Department provide an updated breakdown of:

1. The overall number of Cornwall type claims.
2. The number of outstanding liability claims.
3. The number of settled liability claims.
4. The number of declined liability claims.
5. The number of outstanding Act of Grace claims.
6. The number of approved Act of Grace claims.
7. The number of declined Act of Grace claims.
8. The number of finalised Act of Grace claims.

Answer:

1. 1187 (consisting of 1017 legal liability claims and 170 act of grace requests).
2. 169.
3. 115.
4. There have been 733 claims which have been declined or otherwise finalised without a settlement payment being made to the claimant.
5. 33.
6. 10.
7. 97.
8. 30.