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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question **bet 25**

Topic: **Superannuation co-contribution payments – top 10 occupations**

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Senator BUSHBY—Is anybody able to help me with the next question, which is: what were the top 10 occupations receiving super co-contribution payments from the government where occupation is determined via the declaration in individual income tax returns or another appropriate method for the same years?

Mr Olesen—I could take that on notice. I do not have that information here.

Answer:

The following table lists the top 10 occupations of beneficiaries of a co-contribution payment in respect of the 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 years of entitlement.

2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
Occupation	Number of payments	Occupation	Number of payments	Occupation	Number of payments
Administrative officer	118,731	Administrative officer	125,949	Administrative officer	97,687
Sales assistant	75,064	Sales assistant	87,803	Sales assistant	76,477
Public servant	65,611	Public servant	64,715	Field left blank**	67,842
Manager	54,127	Manager	54,357	Public servant	55,155
Occupation not listed*	48,564	Occupation not listed*	49,614	Occupation not listed*	41,234
Nurse	43,712	Nurse	45,698	Nurse	37,415
Secretary	29,062	Secretary	30,778	Manager	32,316
Defence force	26,282	Cleaner	26,206	Cleaner	23,705
Cleaner	23,730	Defence force	23,755	Defence force	21,373
Primary school teacher	21,472	Teachers' aide	23,082	Nurses' aide	20,853

These figures are based on the occupation listed in the individual income tax return, for the respective year, of recipients of a co-contribution payment.

*All taxpayers with salary and wage income are required to enter an appropriate occupation description when completing question one of their individual tax return, which is transformed into a 6-digit code. If the occupation entered does not have a corresponding code, they are assigned a generic code - occupation not listed.

**Where an individual does not have salary and wage income, they are not required to complete question one, and as such the occupation field will be left blank. This could be the case for individuals who are (for example) self employed. The self employed became eligible to receive co-contribution payments from the 2007-08 financial year.