

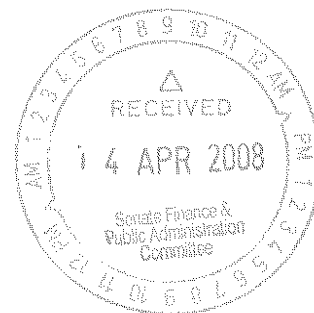
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates 2007-08 – February 2008



Question: HS75

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Centrelink - Non-Disclosure of Business Income and Assets

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

Please outline current mechanisms to detect the non-disclosure of business income and assets.

Answer:

Centrelink has measures in place that detect the non-disclosure of business income and assets. These include:

- biannual matching of Australian Securities and Investment Commission private company data and Australian Taxation Office company tax return data with Centrelink records to detect undeclared interests in private companies; and
- the regular matching of details of parents of Youth Allowance customers with Australian Taxation Office data under the Data Matching Program to identify those with undisclosed actual means, including business income.

There was also a pilot measure initiated as part of the 2006 Federal Budget, which targeted the risk of undeclared business income and assets. The outcomes of this measure are dealt with in the answer to Question on Notice HS76.