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SENATOR BROWN the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

Senator BROWN—Are you able to tell us the total number of CSA clients who will be affected by the change in the family tax benefit maintenance arrangements?

Mr Leeper—Not on the information in front of me, I am sorry, Senator, no.

Senator BROWN—Would it be very difficult to get that information?

Ms Bird—It would need to be Centrelink information, I believe.

Mr Leeper—We will have to provide it on notice. I am sorry, Senator, I just do not have that information with me.

Senator MOORE—On notice to Centrelink or to Child Support?

Mr Leeper—It will come to us and we will get Centrelink to answer it, certainly, yes.

Senator MOORE—So it is Human Services?

Mr Leeper—Yes, I will take personal responsibility, Senator.

Answer:

We have consulted with our colleagues at the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and have jointly agreed that they are in a better position to respond to this question. This matter should therefore be referred to the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs who have policy responsibility in relation to both child support and family tax benefit issues.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$63.