

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 87

**Topic:** Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) – Forms and Information for Parents

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

A number of parents have told me that the information they receive regarding their entitlements under the HCWA program is confusing. Specifically, it is unclear to parents how much of their entitlement they have spent in a particular year and how much they are still entitled to spend. As a result, some parents have incurred significant out-of-pocket expenses.

Are you aware of some of these issues?

**Answer:**

Refer to the answer to Question 88.