

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Online Compliance Initiative

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: I realise it is going to take a bit of work. Thank you. I understand what you have said in your statement about how this has been an ongoing process, but there is no doubt that things escalated from—when did you start sending out the automated debt recovery notices?

Ms Campbell: In July 2016.

Senator SIEWERT: Can you provide on notice—you may not have it right now—the number that was sent out each month?

Ms Campbell: We can provide that.

Answer:

The information provided in the table at the Community Affairs Reference Committee, which was held on 8 March 2017 (page no. 34 in the Committee Hansard) included the number of assessments initiated for the period July to December 2016. This, and the data for January 2017, is included in the below table.

	Number of Assessments						
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Assessments Initiated	230	844	62,240	50,342	94,754	8,993	3,465