

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Child Support - arrears

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Senator: Watt

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Question:

Are you able to quantify the expense to the Agency of staff time spent finding alternative methods of payment in cases where arrears are owed, or otherwise pursuing payment of arrears?

Answer:

The Department is not able to quantify the time associated with collecting child support arrears. Collection activities are integrated into all aspects of child support work.