

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit**

**Question No: SQ17-000165**

**Topic: Child Support**

**Hansard page: Written**

**Senator Murray Watt** asked:

What is the average amount of arrears owed?

**Answer:**

As at 31 December 2016, the average amount of arrears owing is approximately \$5,800 (for each child support recipient with only active cases to whom arrears is owed).