

## **Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2 JUNE 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Centrelink Fraud

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**Senator:** Fifield

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#### **Question:**

**Senator FIFIELD:** How much has Centrelink spent on fraud prevention and fraud detection in the financial year to date?

**Mr Withnell:** I do not have that figure for year to date. I will take that on notice.

#### **Answer:**

Centrelink has a range of controls and strategies embedded in many aspects of its business. Therefore, Centrelink is unable to disaggregate fraud prevention costs.

To 31 May 2011, Centrelink has spent \$16,420,299 on fraud detection activities in 2010-11.