

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 363**

**Topic: DSP fraud**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Siewert** asked:

1. Could the Department reveal any evidence that it has about the extent of fraud and the DSP?
2. Does the department agree with the assessment by the Productivity Commission's Care and Support report on the NDIS that most people on the DSP have significant and genuine impairments, and that the level of fraud is very low?

**Answer:**

1. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has portfolio responsibility for the Government's Welfare fraud and non-compliance strategy.
2. The Senate has resolved that officers of a department of the Commonwealth shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy. This includes any questions asking for opinions on matters of policy.