

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 817

Topic: Act of Grace Payments

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Senator Brown asked:

What is the purpose of Act of Grace Payments?

Answer:

The Act of Grace power is a unique discretion given to the Minister for Finance under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to make payments to persons who may have been unintentionally disadvantaged by the effects of Commonwealth Government legislation, actions or omissions and who have no other viable means of redress.