Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: SSAT - Social Security Appeals Tribunal Question No: 834

Topic: Social Security Appeals Tribunal

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the percentage and number of rejected appeals by payment type and by state in the year 2013/2014.

Answer:

The SSAT does not record whether the outcome of an application for review is "rejected". An application for review may cover more than one decision and the SSAT records whether the decision was affirmed, varied or set aside.

The SSAT separately reports, in the appendices to its Annual Report, the number and percentage of decisions which are affirmed by payment type and by State. A copy of such reports for the first three quarters of 2013-14 is attached as Tables A and B.