

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: 836

Topic: Social Security Appeals Tribunal

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the number and percentage of successful 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 “successful”. An application for review may cover more than one decision and the SSAT records whether the decision was affirmed, varied or set aside. As previously stated (*Hansard* Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, 3 June 2013 pages 42- 43), a decision which is varied or set aside is not necessarily more favourable to the applicant.

The SSAT separately reports, in the appendices to its Annual Report, the number and percentage of decisions which are varied or set aside 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.