

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Staffing Costs

**Question reference number:** HS 49 (SQ17-000130)

**Senator:** Watt

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Overtime payments to staff processing Medicare patient claims.
- b) Recruitment, training and payment for irregular intermittent employees hired to process Medicare patient claims.
- c) Any contracting costs in the procurement of non-going staff.

#### **Answer:**

- a) Disaggregated data for staff who undertake Medicare work is not available as many staff work across Centrelink, child support and health and aged care programmes including Medicare, and the Departmental reporting system does not segregate by programme.
- b) Disaggregated data for staff who undertake Medicare work is not available as many staff work across Centrelink, Child support and health and aged care programmes including Medicare, and the Departmental reporting system does not segregate by programme.
- c) There have been no contracting costs between March and June 2017 for the procurement of non-ongoing staff.