Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments   **Question No: SQ17-000512**

Topic: Drug Testing

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What internal data will be used as part of 'profiling'?

Answer:

The risk profile will be informed by analysis of de-identified data from the social security administrative data set. This data set contains a range of information on social security claimants including age, gender and education level. It also contains high level indicators of a job seeker's alcohol and/or drug issues where recorded, for example, as part of an assessment of the job seeker's work capacity or for incapacity exemption purposes.

Information about social security recipients, including de-identified data, may be recorded, used or disclosed in accordance with the confidentiality provisions in Division 3, Part 5 of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*. Protection of the personal information is dealt with in section 202 of this Act and all standard recording, disclosure and usage provisions will apply to any data disclosed for the purposes of informing the risk profile.