

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES – 21 OCTOBER 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme – rejected applications

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**Senator:** Abetz

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#### Question:

a)

**Senator ABETZ** - Can you tell us how many applicants have been rejected by Centrelink in the last three years?

**Mr Maloney** - I would have to take that on notice.

b)

**Senator ABETZ** - I do not want to put you to too much work, but if it is readily available I will try my luck a bit further. How many applicants have been rejected by Centrelink in the last three years, and then if you can tell us out of those - and that is where I am pushing my luck - how many were rejected because they are not in the right classification or they are not deemed to fit into categories A, B or C?

How many have been rejected because the business, whilst qualifying, is deemed not to be the predominant business?

**Mr Maloney** - I am pretty sure we would have that information. As for whether it is readily gatherable - I might have just invented a new word - I will take that on notice and see what I can get for you.

#### Answer:

- a) Since March 2009, 16 applicants for Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme assistance have been rejected. Data prior to March 2009 is not available.
- b) All 16 applications for Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme assistance were rejected on the basis that they were determined to be ineligible to claim assistance under Clause 9.1 of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Ministerial Directions (July 2008).

All 16 did not fit into Divisions A, B or C of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006.