

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Waiver of Debts under the Special Circumstances Provisions

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Question:

In relation to Centrelink overpayments waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) in 2013-14:

- a) What was the total value of debts waived and the number of individuals whose debts were waived?
- b) What was the average level of debt waived?

Answer:

- a) In 2013-14 the total value of debts waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) was \$12,981,389.
The number of individuals whose debts were waived under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) in 2013-14 was 9,599.
- b) In 2013-14 the average level of debt waived, per customer, under section 12377AAD of the Social Security Act (special circumstances) was \$1,352.