

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Alleged Medicare Fraud – Information Commissioner

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

Mr Sandison: No, the 369 cases are not confirmed. That was in our answer. So, no, we have not identified them to the commissioner, because they have not been confirmed cases. We have had an engagement with the commissioner: the commissioner engaged with the Department, and has received advice back from the Department, that as and when cases are finalised and we identify that identity fraud may have taken place, then we would advise the commissioner.

Senator CAMERON: Was that engagement after I wrote to the commissioner, or beforehand?

Mr Sandison: I do not have the exact date of the letter.

Ms Campbell: So we engage with the commissioner quite regularly and talk about issues where there might be allegations. I do not know whether we have got the exact date when this was first raised. We will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Okay, so you are going to provide that to me on notice.

Ms Campbell: Yes.

Answer:

See answer to question HS 16.