

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Please provide details of savings arising from the reduced number of Assessor recommendations for assistance and please provide details of the improved targeting of recommendations by assessors (page 27 DHS Annual Report).

Answer:

There are no savings arising from the reduced number of Assessor recommendations for assistance. Assessor recommendations focus on identifying medical and other sociocultural barriers which enable Employment Service Providers to target the assistance needed for customers to build their capacity for participation. Assessors no longer include vocational barriers in their recommendations, as the Employment Service Providers assess these.