

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

(Additional Estimates 15 February 2006)

**Topic: Non remittance of PAYE withholding deductions**  
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Senator Watson asked:

How many taxpayers are in breach of not regularly remitting PAYE withholding deductions?

*Mr D'Ascenzo—I do not have that figure offhand. I will take that on notice.*

Answer:

There are 1.2 million taxpayers registered with a Pay As You Go Withholding role (PAYG(W)) and an active Australian Business Number. It is noted however that many businesses, particularly those in the micro business segment, register for PAYG(W) but in fact do not have employees.

It is estimated that 190,000 taxpayers have PAYG withholding debts.