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Senator Payne asked:

Senator PAYNE— When you are looking at eligibility for the first home owner's grant, can you advise me whether there is any circumstance where a spouse or a partner's home ownership status is taken into account when you are calculating eligibility for that?

Mr Lonsdale—For the first home owner's grant?

Senator PAYNE—Yes.

Mr Lonsdale—I do not know offhand. We would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

One of the requirements of the First Home Owners Scheme is that the applicant and their spouse (or de facto) must not have previously owned a home, either jointly, separately or with some other person, in Australia prior to 1 July 2000.