

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: Bud 42

Topic: Family Tax Benefit – Implementation Date Raised with Centrelink

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Senator Collins asked:

When was Centrelink advised that they would have to deliver this payment?

Mr Tune—When it was announced in the budget.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—When was the implementation of this payment first raised with Centrelink?

Mr Tune—In that period that I was talking about. I think I have already answered that one, Senator.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—No, you have answered that it was within a period of about four weeks. As it turns out, a period of about 12 weeks could end up being quite critical in the election process. Can you take on notice to provide the date on which the implementation of the payment was first raised with Centrelink?

Mr Tune—Yes.

Answer:

The implementation of the Family Tax Benefit Part A Supplement was first raised with Centrelink in April 2004.