

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

Budget Estimates 2 June 2009

**Question**                    **bet 1**  
**Topic:**                      **How many stimulus cheques have been returned?**  
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**Senator Abetz asked:**

How many stimulus cheques have been returned?

Please identify by category and quantity i.e. incorrect address, deceased, etc.

**Answer:**

At 12 August 2009, 119,130 cheques had been cancelled or stopped as a result of mail returned unclaimed or as a result of Tax Office initiated stopped payments to allow redirection of the payment to a new address. This represents 2.3 per cent of the total 5.1 million cheques mailed.

The Tax Office does not have a breakdown of the reasons why cheques have been returned.