Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: bet 152

Topic: Value of unpaid superannuation

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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY—Do you have any estimates for the value of the superannuation that, on average, remains unpaid at any one time?

Mr Olesen—No, we do not have estimates of that, but we can provide you with information about how much we collect annually.

Answer:

The table below shows the amounts of superannuation guarantee charge raised and collected for each of the income years from 2004-05 through to 2007-08 as reported in the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Reports for these years.

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Superannuation guarantee	270.2	352.9	349.8	380.8
charge raised (\$m)				
Cash collected (\$m)	181.0	228.3	237.8	288.3

The table show the amounts that have been collected once a superannuation guarantee liability has been raised. Amounts collected in one year will often relate to liabilities raised in earlier years.