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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

TREASURY

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Question **bet 32**
Topic: **Stimulus package – deceased estates**
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Senator COONAN—I want to go to a matter of tax administration relating to the posting out of the stimulus payments. How much stimulus money has been paid to deceased people or estates of deceased people? Can I please have a breakdown of the figure as to how much money, which cash bonus amount, whether it relates to either the first stimulus package or the second and how many recipients?

Ms Granger—I do not have the amount in payments but I can tell you the number of payments that have been made to deceased estates to date, and that is 16,000 payments. I am not sure if we can extract the figures because, as you know, the bonus payments can be made at three levels depending on your taxable income, so it is not just a matter of multiplying that by 900. I will see if we can provide you with the actual amounts paid.

Answer:

As at 15 May 2009, the Tax Office identified that 15,934 tax bonus payments had been made to deceased estates.

As at 26 June 2009, 18,894 tax bonus payments were made to a deceased estate. Of these:

- 17,696 received \$900 totalling \$15,926,400
- 714 received \$600 totalling \$428,400, and
- 484 received \$250 totalling \$121,000.