

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Recovery of Overpayments.

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston.

**QUESTION No.:** BI-115

What arrangements are typically made with claimants for the repayment of debts? Are they usually required to pay instalments on a fortnightly basis, for instance?

**ANSWER**

A business that cannot repay the overpayment can submit a request for a Repayment by Instalment application, which is subject to the appropriate delegate's approval. Claimants are usually required to repay a debt on a monthly basis.