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Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

What are the Government costs of administering SFSS debt?

Answer:

Cost of administering SFSS debt.

The Department, Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office all incur costs of varying degrees in the administration of the debt, which are not readily identified. Data on the Departmental expenses across the Government for administering the SFSS debt is not readily available.

The additional Departmental costs provided for implementing the 2005-06 Budget measure to simplify the administrative arrangements for the scheme was \$2.716m in 2005-06 and \$0.484m in 2006-07. The measure provided for Centrelink to take over from 1 December 2005, the responsibility for the loans administered by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.