

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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SENATOR MOORE asked:

We have been told that a number of Aboriginal Housing Office people in New South Wales have now taken up the opportunity to claim rent assistance. 1) Have you got any figures on that? 2) Is that something that you keep, as a new category?

Answer:

1. Centrelink has kept manual figures on the number of Aboriginal Housing Office people in New South Wales that have taken up the opportunity to claim Rent Assistance. The total as at 17 February 2006 is 1,962.
2. No. The manual statistics referred to above are only in respect of initial claims and collected manually by the processing team. Data cannot be entered into the customer database to record if the customer is a tenant of the Aboriginal Housing Office.

This answer required 1 hour, 55 minutes at a cost of \$83.00 to prepare.