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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Centrelink – Exchange of Child Care data between and the Australian Taxation Office.

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SENATOR MOORE asked on 14/2/2006:

Mr Dunn – Yes. With respect to that, under the older process the data only needed to be exchanged at the end of the year. What we are doing now is exchanging the data earlier in preparation for the end of the year, particularly for the Child Care rebate. Essentially it means that people put in their tax claims, they are then reconciled against the Child Care data and we can feed that back to the tax office as soon as that occurs.

Senator Moore – Does the client have to agree to the exchange of data for this purpose?

Mr Dunn – To have your Child Care benefit reconciled this needs to occur. I am quite sure this is on the form, that it makes it clear this happens, but I would have to double-check that.

Does the client have to agree to the exchange of data for this purpose?

Answer:

Section 169 of the Family Assistance (Administration) Act 1999 provides for Centrelink to provide data to the Australian Taxation Office.

The customer does not have to agree to the exchange of data for Child Care Tax Rebate purposes.

This answer required 4 hours and 40 minutes at a cost of \$200.00 to prepare.