

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 14 February 2006

Question: HS53

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Centrelink – Youth Allowance Debts

Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR EVANS asked on 14/2/2006:

Youth allowance debts

1. Please provide full details of the number of and value of debts raised by Centrelink from students receiving Youth Allowance who went from studying full time, to part time? Please provide this information for 2004-05 and 2005-06 (to date).
2. Please provide a summary table showing the number of these debts that were appealed to Authorised Review Officers, SSAT and AAT, and indicate whether the appeal was upheld/rejected at each of these stages.
3. How many Youth Allowance debts were referred to the Director of Public Prosecution, in 2004-05 and 2005-06 (to date). Please provide details.

Answer:

1. The detailed information required to answer the question is not readily available. To obtain this information would be highly resource intensive and I cannot justify the level of expenditure that would be required to obtain it.
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This answer required 2 hours 15 minutes at a cost of \$98.00 to prepare.