

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2007

**Question: F4**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.2.3**

**Topic: Estimates of persons in interdependency relationships**

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**Senator Sherry asked:**

When that original definition was inserted in the SI(S) Act, was there any estimate of persons in this type of relationship, interdependent couples, in the broad population?

**Answer:**

The definition of interdependency relationship was inserted into the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (SI(S) Act) by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), and took effect from 1 July 2004. Treasury is responsible for the SI(S) Act under the Administrative Arrangement Orders.

Treasury has advised that it did not prepare any comprehensive estimates of the number of persons in interdependency relationships when the SI(S) Act was amended.