

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates 2007-08 – February 2008



Question: HS137

Outcome 1, Output 2

Topic: Child Support Agency – CSA Trust

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

What is the reason for a \$3.004 million shortfall in the CSA Trust that will grow to \$3.766 million over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The use of Special Appropriation is driven by two main factors: Caseload growth and the percentage of cases linked to employer withholding. Caseload and case mix have increased, including an increase in the number of cases linked to employer withholding. This has had a direct impact on the Child Support Agency's Administered revenue and expense, resulting in a proportional increase in the amount of Special Appropriation required for 2007-08 and the forward years.