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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services

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SENATOR WATSON asked on 22/02/2008:

Senator WATSON—...What is Centrelink's Tasmanian budget for 2007-08?...

Mr Whalan—While we wait to see if we can give you a figure, Senator, I just want to note that there is no allocation for call in Tasmania. The allocations for call are a national allocation. I will see if I can get you an allocation which would, effectively, be for our other operations.

Answer:

Centrelink's Area Tasmania 2007-08 budget, including Centrelink International Services, as at 31 January 2008 was \$62.5 million. This does not include the Centrelink Call Centre funding as this is managed centrally.

The Area Tasmania budget includes:

- Area Tasmania budget of \$45.6 million to fund the customer service centres that operate across Tasmania; and
- Centrelink International Services budget of \$16.9 million, which runs nationally out of Tasmania.