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: HS76

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Centrelink - Undisclosed Business Income & Assets

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

What savings are expected from data matching the GST and BAS data held by the ATO to address payment risks associated with undisclosed business income and assets and what is the projected timeframe for such savings?

Answer:

The 2006-07 Budget measure 'Fraud and Compliance – pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets' pilot work has been proceeding. The measure is expected to terminate on 30 June 2009 at which time a report of the pilot will be presented to government for consideration in the 2009-10 Budget. Anticipated savings of \$2.2 million were originally identified for the measure.

