

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Abetz

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Question:

HS5: Senator ABETZ—Thank you, Senator Scullion. I have two quick questions: firstly, can we be given an updated figure as to how many welfare recipients we believe live overseas and how many of those would have received a bonus payment in the October stimulus package? If you do not have those details immediately available I am happy for it to be taken on notice.

Senator Ludwig—The difficulty is that Centrelink will have those statistics, whereas presently we are dealing with DHS.

Senator ABETZ—All right, I will put it on notice.

Answer:

HS5: As at 10 March 2009, there were 68,812 long-term overseas customers. All of these customers received the Economic Security Strategy payment announced in October 2008.

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