

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Human Services Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Human Services
Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1/Output Group 2
Topic: Child Support Aged Debt

Senator: Scullion

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Question:

H6: Senator SCULLION—There must be quite a large demographic of people who are simply being reassessed. Every time you get a reassessment, it is not going to be on the day of the assessment; it will be backdated to when you were informed. If that is the case—and on notice—would you be able to provide me with a percentage of what figure would fit that demographic?

Mr Miller—I am sure we can.

Answer:

HS6: The following table provides information on the number of existing child support assessments that are varied. In summary, for the previous 12 months to the end of March 2009 (April 2008 – March 2009), there were a total of 2,105,860 assessments which were varied due to a number of causes. There are approximately 750,000 active child support cases, which means that some customers will have had their annual assessments varied more than once.

Period	Number of assessments varied
2007/Jul	61,949
2007/Aug	207,451
2007/Sep	142,868
2007/Oct	118,210
2007/Nov	110,675
2007/Dec	67,761
2008/Jan	60,020
2008/Feb	65,765
2008/Mar	305,806
2008/Apr	347,175
2008/May	225,871
2008/Jun	105,422
2008/Jul	149,064
2008/Aug	360,292
2008/Sep	232,732
2008/Oct	175,858
2008/Nov	144,608
2008/Dec	96,121
2009/Jan	74,456
2009/Feb	88,874
2009/Mar	105,387