

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 9 FEBRUARY 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Same-sex Couples, Public Tip-offs

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Senator: BOYCE

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Question:

Senator BOYCE - You mentioned the tip-off line. Can you tell us how many tip-offs Centrelink has received about singles living together who claim to be same-sex couples?

Mr Withnell - I will just check, but I do not think I have information on the tip-off line down to that level of detail. The only detail I have is a very much aggregated level in terms of totals. We could probably provide the information you have asked for on notice.

Answer:

As at 16 February 2010, Centrelink had received 75 tip-offs from the public, about individuals thought to be a member of a same-sex couple, since the initiative started on 1 July 2009.