

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Public Tip-Offs – 2006-07 Financial Year

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD – Could we have that [the amount of debts raised and savings against future outlays resulting from tip-offs] for the previous year [2006-07] as well?

Answer:

Centrelink received 112,086 tip-offs in 2006-07 and conducted 52,597 reviews arising from these tip-offs. Of the tip-off reviews, 11,063 led to a reduction in payment. The reduced payments identified \$3.3 million in fortnightly savings against future outlays. Some \$43 million in debts were raised as a result of the reviews arising from public tip-offs.