

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Statistical data on payers and payees

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**Senator:** FIFIELD

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**Question:**

**Senator FIFIELD** – I will not ask you to reconcile those three figures. Is there any statistical data you can point me to that shows the trends in payers and payees? Is there something in the annual report or website?

**Ms Godwin**—I have to confess that I have not actually looked at the website. I am not sure if it is there but we regularly report on it, including in the annual report.

**Senator FIFIELD**—That is okay, perhaps you could take it on notice. I do have some other things I could ask but I will pop those on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department of Human Services records the number of child support paying and receiving parents in its publication *Child Support Scheme Facts and Figures* each year. The last two of these publications are located on the website.

**Number of Child Support Customers Over Time, June 2006-December 2009**

	<i>Jun-06</i>	<i>Jun-07</i>	<i>Jun-08</i>	<i>Jun-09</i>	<i>Dec-09</i>
Number of Payer Parents	722,113	735,758	739,112	760,372	763,388
Number of Receiving Parents	720,459	735,304	739,645	759,905	763,176
<b>Number of Customers</b>	<b>1,442,572</b>	<b>1,471,062</b>	<b>1,478,757</b>	<b>1,520,277</b>	<b>1,526,564</b>

Source: June figures are from *Child Support Scheme Facts and Figures* publications and December 2009 data is from the Customer Research Extract, December 2009.

Note: Where parents are involved in more than one case they can be potentially both paying parents and receiving parents and will therefore be counted twice in the above table.