

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Health Insurance Commission

Budget Estimates 26 May 2005

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DATE DUE TABLING: 08/07/2005

SENATOR McLUCAS asked:

1. What other separate reports has the department requested of HIC outside the normal daily and weekly reporting?
2. Could you provide the committee with information on the number of times the Department of Health and Ageing has requested safety net data by electorate and provide a copy of that data?

Answer:

The information requested was provided to the Department of Health and Ageing internal working documents for further analysis and checking. The Minister for Health and Ageing has released electorate based statistics on singles and families who have reached Extended Medicare Safety Net thresholds and on Extended Medicare Safety Net benefits, having regard to claims processed by the Health Insurance Commission, up to and including 31 July 2004 and electorate based statistics relating to families registered for the Medicare Safety Net as at 29 August 2004. The Minister for Health and Ageing will release electorate based statistics for 2005 in early 2006.