

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 25 May 2006

Question: HS58

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Core Department - Budget Estimates Preparation

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

For DHS and each agency (Centrelink, Medicare Australia, Child Support Agency, CRS Australia, Australian Hearing, Health Services Australia), what was the total amount of work hours spent preparing for the 2006 Budget Estimates, **EXCLUDING** the preparation of answers for questions put on notice from the previous round?

Answer:

The detailed information required to answer the question is not readily available. To obtain this information would be highly resource intensive and I cannot justify the level of expenditure that would be required to obtain it.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$63.