

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Human Services Portfolio

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Topic: Appeals against “failures”

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Question:

HS30a: How many appeals have been made against “failures” including 8 week non-payment periods?

HS30b: Can the data be broken down by the type of payment received?

HS30c: How many have been successful?

Answers:

HS30a: Number of appeals from 1 July 2006 to 31 May 2008 against participation failure decisions are listed below:

	Appeals
Authorised Review Officer	12,319
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	1,964
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Customer Appeals	134
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Secretary Appeals	42
Federal Court Customer Appeals	5
Federal Court Secretary Appeals	0



HS30b: Number of appeals by payment type from 1 July 2006 to 31 May 2008 against participation failure decisions are listed below:

	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment (Partnered)	Parenting Payment (Single)	Youth Allowance (Job Seeker)	Youth Allowance (Student)
Authorised Review Officer	10,427	14	103	1,773	2
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	1,774	1	11	177	1
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Customer Appeals	129	0	0	5	0
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Secretary Appeals	40	0	0	2	0
Federal Court Customer Appeals	5	0	0	0	0

HS30c: Numbers of appeals against participation failure decisions that were decided and successful from 1 July 2006 to 31 May 2008 are listed below:

	Decided	Successful
Authorised Review Officer	11,385	4,850
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	1,364	416
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Customer Appeals	54	9
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Secretary Appeals	27	10
Federal Court Customer Appeals	1	0

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