

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 29 MAY 2008**

**Human Services Portfolio**



**Department/Agency:** Centrelink  
**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1, Output 1  
**Topic:** Baby Bonus payments

**Senator:** Coonan  
**Question reference number:** HS49a-b  
**Type of question:** Written  
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**Question:**

**HS49a:** How many people have received the Baby Bonus from 1 March 2008 to present?

**HS49b:** How many people received their Baby Bonus payments in instalments for the 2007-2008 financial year?

**Answer:**

**HS49a:** The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs advised that, due to the way in which data is recorded, the most appropriate measure of Baby Bonus claims is a year-to-date figure. 262,748 Baby Bonus customers claimed from 1 July 2007 to 31 May 2008.

**HS49b:** There were 3,824 instalment customers from 1 July 2007 – 31 May 2008

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