

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Former Ansett employees entitlements

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Senator Conroy asked:

Will any payments relating to workers' entitlements, including to former Ansett employees, be paid through a special account?

Answer:

Payments made under the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme (EESS) have been made through a special account because it was designed to operate with contributions from the States and Territories. To date payments under the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS) have been made from the same special account. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Finance and Administration are reviewing the use of the special account for making payments under GEERS.

Payments made under the Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett employees (SEESA) are not made through a special account. SEESA payments are made under the arrangements prescribed in the *Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001*.