

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Topic: Core Department – History of Questions on Notice

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SENATOR MOORE asked on 1/11/05:

Senator MOORE—Before we leave the issue of questions on notice and the process, I ask on notice that you do a bit of an exercise. I will take two questions, Nos 86 and 87. They are both questions that involve Centrelink data figures. They are both questions that may involve the kind of thing you said at the start about trying to get things up on the internet. Could we get a potted history of that? The questions were asked on 26 May—they were both asked in the same process. Can we get something that would trace when the data came from Centrelink, when it came to Human Services, when it went from Human Services to the minister and so on?

Ms Scott—We will see what we can do, Senator.

Senator MOORE—I think that would be somewhere in the file and it would be interesting to see. Those questions tend to be of the kind that we ask—a payment type, the data distribution across gender and location, and the kind of information that Senator Wong is asking for. It might be useful to see the process. If there is a particular reason then we can trace that through when we get the answer.

Ms Scott—I will see what we can do.

Senator MOORE—That would be good.

Answer:

This answer will be answered in the answer to question HS30.