

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 21 OCTOBER 2008

Human Services Portfolio



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Senator: Bernardi
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Question:

HS7: Senator BERNARDI—There was a quote in one of the newspapers—I think it was in a story in the *Herald Sun*—that said the government would amend the claim form to provide greater clarity to health professionals about baby bonus eligibility...No, there was an assurance that the form would be amended. The form is available through the Centrelink website and, as at the date when we last downloaded it.

Senator Ludwig—So the question may then be characterised as: has Centrelink changed the form or been advised.

Senator BERNARDI—That is the next question, because I have downloaded the form and I cannot detect where there has been any change.

Mr Pratt—We will take that on notice. If we can get an answer for you in the next 55 minutes, we will bring it back to you.

Senator BERNARDI—Thank you. And if you are unable to, I would appreciate a prompt answer to a question on notice.

Mr Pratt—We will take it on notice, irrespective of whether or not analysis of the transcript suggests that it is more appropriate to ask it of the families portfolio as per your previous question.

Senator BERNARDI—Thank you.

Answer:

HS7: An updated version of the 'Claim for Bereavement Payment' form will be used from 1 January 2009.

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