

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



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Question:

HS8: Senator BERNARDI—Would you be able to take some other questions on notice? I presume you will have to; they go to this matter. I would be interested in knowing how many women have actually received the Baby Bonus since 28 August this year and how many of those have been for late-term abortions.

Mr Pratt—We will take that on notice.

Answer:

HS8: 24,432 claims for Baby Bonus were granted in September 2008. Of these, 151 were for stillbirths. Centrelink does not hold information on terminated pregnancies.

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