

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

The Annual report states that from 1 July 2009 the Government will streamline Centrelink funding arrangements so that Centrelink receives its funding directly from the Budget, instead of through various policy departments. (Department of Human Services 2008–09 Annual Report, p.41)

- a) Has this occurred?
- b) Have there been any problems/issues with changing the funding arrangements?

Answer:

- a) Centrelink advises that funding is now received directly from the Budget.
- b) Centrelink advises that there have been no problems associated with changing the funding arrangements.