

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Minister Plibersek on the 4th September announced a doubling of financial counselling – where an additional \$10 million over 4 years for financial counsellors and increased legal support to help people who experience hardship to hang on to their homes is to be provided. Is Centrelink involved with the delivery of these financial counselling services?

Answer:

No. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is responsible for the delivery of the Financial Counselling Services program. Centrelink suggests the Senator refer the question to FaHCSIA for their response.