

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Financial Counselling

Question reference number: HS30

Senator: Ludlam

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Question:

- a) What financial counselling services does Centrelink currently provide to its clients, particularly those at risk of homelessness?
- b) How many people are currently employed in this service and how many clients would they see per year?

Answer:

Centrelink is unable to answer the Senator's questions as Centrelink does not provide financial counselling services. The Financial Counselling Services program is provided by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). Centrelink suggests that the Senator refer the question to FaHCSIA for their response.