

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Emergency Benefit Transfer Payments

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Question:

Could we have data on the number of requests for Emergency Benefit Transfer Payments in 2008/09, and the number rejected?

Answer:

There were 218,941 requests for urgent payments made in the 2008-09 financial year. Of these, 144,616 were granted and 74,325 were rejected. Of the urgent payments granted, 130,305 were made via the Electronic Benefits Transfer Card.