

2.6 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding income tax assessment advice notices for 2005:

I will just ask the first half, because the second half, I believe, has been fully answered by the Minister. Would the Minister inform Members what period of time is referred to by the balance figure on the recently issued income tax assessment advice notices for 2005?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

I.T.I.S. credits up until the end of August, provided they were received by the Income Tax Department from the employer, were processed and included to reduce the balances shown on the advice notice attached to the letter of assessment. It was not possible to include the September credits because they did not have to be submitted to the Income Tax Department until 15th October.

2.6.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:

The Minister refers to credits which have been received. Is he aware of a figure for what proportion of employers are behind in returning their tax returns?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I am not aware of the precise proportions, Sir. I believe the majority of employers are responsible enough to date, as far as they can be.

2.6.2 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Would the Minister come to the House with such a figure, because I think it may be substantial.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I will endeavour to do so, Sir.