

**Question on notice no. 15**

**Portfolio question number: F015**

**2019-20 Supplementary budget estimates**

**Finance and Public Administration Committee, Finance Portfolio**

**Senator Katy Gallagher:** asked the Department of Finance on 22 October 2019—

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**Answer —**

*Please see answer attached.*

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2019-20**

Finance Portfolio  
22 October 2019

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

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**Topic:** ASL Exemptions

**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

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**Answer:**

There were 20 ASL offset exemptions approved in the 2018-19 MYEFO and 2019-20 Budget contexts.