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Question:

Senator SIEWERT - What is the number of people who have been classified as vulnerable who were transitioning from the old income management system to the new one?

Ms Cartwright - The number of vulnerable welfare payment and child protection customers in the Northern Territory who transitioned from the old income management is 189.

Senator SIEWERT - So there are 199. So there is only 10—

Ms Cartwright - 189.

Senator SIEWERT - No, no, sorry. Overall there are 199, according to the list you gave me last night. So there are only, in fact, 10 new people classified as vulnerable who were not already on income management. Is that a fair assumption to make?

Mr Tidswell - As we said last night, there is a lot of data here and we might need just to cross-reference with what you have and what we have here to make sure that we are on the same page.

Senator SIEWERT - Okay. I am not trying to trick you; I am trying to work out—

Mr Tidswell - We understand what you are trying to do.

Senator SIEWERT - So 189 were transferred.

Mr Tidswell - It might take us a few minutes just to double-check that figure.

Answer:

As at 4 March 2011, there were 194 current customers who had been identified as vulnerable who transferred from the Northern Territory Emergency Response Income Management to the new measure.