

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic: Unreasonable to Live at Home**

**Question reference number: HSW 20**

**Senator: Siewert**

**Type of question: Written**

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#### **Question:**

1. For the financial period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and 1 July to 31 December 2011 how many Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were lodged?
2. How many of these Unreasonable to Live at Home claims were rejected?
3. Provide details of claims, and rejections by the following characteristics: age, gender, state and territory and Indigenous, non-Indigenous.
4. Provide details of a breakdown of how many rejections were appealed, to each level of review and the outcome of the appeal.

#### **Answer:**

1. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 35 494 Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were lodged.  
For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, 15 281 Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were lodged.
2. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 10 694 Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were rejected.  
For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, 4 591 Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were rejected.

3. The following tables detail the assessment outcome for Youth Allowance Unreasonable to Live at Home claims by Age, Gender, State and Territory and Indigenous Status.

3.1. Unreasonable to Live at Home Claims By Age - Granted/Rejected

Age	1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011			1 July 2011 - 31 December 2011		
	Granted	Rejected	Total	Granted	Rejected	Total
14	22	10	32	0	0	0
15	1,588	424	2,012	419	70	489
16	6,305	2,056	8,361	2,777	868	3,645
17	5,832	1,948	7,780	2,444	837	3,281
18	4,751	2,690	7,441	2,143	1,176	3,319
19	3,533	1,954	5,487	1,612	921	2,533
20	2,124	1,222	3,346	1,060	583	1,643
21	389	226	615	155	91	246
22	220	132	352	80	43	123
23	35	31	66	0	0	0
24	1	1	2	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>10,690</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>15,281</b>

3.2. Unreasonable to Live at Home Claims by Gender - Granted/Rejected

Gender	1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011			1 July 2011 - 31 December 2011		
	Granted	Rejected	Total	Granted	Rejected	Total
Female	13,793	6,069	19,862	5,893	2,595	8,488
Male	11,007	4,625	15,632	4,797	1,996	6,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>10,690</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>15,281</b>

### 3.3. Unreasonable to Live at Home Claims by State and Territory - Granted/Rejected

State/ Territory	1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011			1 July 2011 - 31 December 2011		
	Granted	Rejected	Total	Granted	Rejected	Total
Australian Capital Territory	260	102	362	103	39	142
New South Wales	7,377	3,830	11,207	3,264	1,585	4,849
Northern Territory	250	76	326	98	31	129
Queensland	7,108	2,164	9,272	3,042	1,008	4,050
South Australia	2,331	807	3,138	903	385	1,288
Tasmania	892	542	1,434	432	233	665
Victoria	4,250	2,466	6,716	1,887	971	2,858
Western Australia	2,332	707	3,039	961	339	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>10,690</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>15,281</b>

### 3.4. Unreasonable to Live at Home Claims by Indigenous/Non-Indigenous/Not Identified - Granted/Rejected

Identifier	1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011			1 July 2011 - 31 December 2011		
	Granted	Rejected	Total	Granted	Rejected	Total
Indigenous	2,980	1,097	4,077	1,236	441	1,677
Non- Indigenous	18,627	8,439	27,066	8,034	3,565	11,599
Not Identified	3,193	1,158	4,351	1,420	585	2,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>10,690</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>15,281</b>

The "Not identified" category represents customers who chose not to identify whether they are indigenous or not.

4. A total of 275 customers appealed the Unreasonable to Live at Home rejection decision in the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

A total of 105 customers appealed the Unreasonable to Live at Home rejection decision in the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011.

4.1 Unreasonable to Live at Home appeal outcome

<b>1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011</b>			
<b>Outcome of Appeal</b>	<b>Review Officer</b>	<b>Social Security Appeals Tribunal</b>	<b>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</b>
Affirmed	172	17	0
Dismissed	31	3	0
Set Aside	58	17	0
Settled	0	0	1
Varied	14	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>1 July 2011 - 31 December 2011</b>			
<b>Outcome of Appeal</b>	<b>Review Officer</b>	<b>Social Security Appeals Tribunal</b>	<b>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</b>
Affirmed	59	2	0
Dismissed	12	1	0
Set Aside	29	2	0
Varied	5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>