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Senator Patrick Dodson asked:

How many people have exited the trial? How many people have received a reduction in their quarantined amount on application to the community panel?

Answer:

As at 24 February 2017, 451 trial participants have exited the trial due to suspension of their welfare payment or having their welfare payment ceased. This includes participants whose welfare payments have ceased due to finding work, and receiving an amount of income that exceeds the relevant welfare payment cut off point.

As at 24 February 2017, 34 trial participants have been granted wellbeing exemptions and have exited the trial.

As at 24 February 2017, 126 people have received a reduction in their quarantined amount after applying to a community panel.