

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 404

**Topic:** Income Management

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Scullion** asked:

The ANAO Report on Income Management released in January 2013 recommended FaHCSIA “provide for a performance reporting framework which better measures the effectiveness of income management...” Please provide a copy of this framework. If the framework is not yet available, please indicate why not. In additional estimates, you disclosed that there were 20,836 people on income management. Please provide the current figure and break down by;

- Reason for being placed on income management
- indigenous/non indigenous

**Answer:**

The Department is developing options for improving the performance reporting framework for income management, which the ANAO Report acknowledged is “difficult” (page 113), and constrained by the available administrative data.

As at 17 May 2013, there are 21,611 people on income management. The number of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on each measure of income management is outlined below:

<b>IM Measure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Non Indigenous</b>	<b>% non-ind</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>% ind</b>
Disengaged Youth	4,604	582	12.60%	4,022	87.40%
Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient	10,128	1,360	13.40%	8,768	86.60%
Voluntary Income Management	6,070	868	14.30%	5,202	85.70%
Child Protection	408	128	31.40%	280	68.60%
Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient	194	28	14.40%	166	85.60%
Cape York Welfare Reform	193	<20	1.00%	191	99.00%
Referral from NT Alcohol and Other Drugs Tribunal	<20	<20	0.00%	<20	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,611</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>13.70%</b>	<b>18,643</b>	<b>86.30%</b>