

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

- a) Provide the numbers and percentages of recipients on standard and non-standard rates of debt recovery for 2014-15.
- b) Provide a breakdown by the numbers of Indigenous/non- Indigenous income support recipients.

Answer:

- a) and b) This information can only be provided at a point in time as customers may move between standard and non-standard withholdings depending on their financial circumstances.

The total number (and percentage) of recipients on standard and non-standard rates of debt recovery by Indigenous/ non-Indigenous customer status, as at 30 June 2015, is provided in the table below.

Withholding type	Number Indigenous customers	Percentage Indigenous customers	For Non-Indigenous customer	Percentage Non-Indigenous customer	Total	Total %
Standard	13,791	39.73%	91,684	34.53%	105,475	35.13%
Non-standard	20,920	60.27%	173,808	65.47%	194,728	64.87%
Total	34,711	100.00%	265,492	100.00%	300,203	100.00%