

Response to Senator Rice

Questions provided in advance of 2021-22 Additional Estimates

Questions posed in letter to Secretary Ray Griggs

The total number of Disability Employment Service participants being required to attend face to face appointments from January 2022 onwards, broken down by month where available.

In January 2022, there were 76,030 Disability Employment Service participants requested to attend face-to-face appointments with providers. DES participants are only required to attend face-to-face appointments where it is safe to do so. Where a participant does not wish to receive services face-to-face because they are concerned about their health or the health of an immediate family or household member, providers must use an alternative suitable means of service delivery for the participant.

The number of recipients of Commonwealth Rent Assistance, broken down by:

- Gender
- Age

Gender split of CRA recipient households

Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) is captured against recipient households or 'income units'. For couple households, only the gender of one person is captured. This results in an undercount of the total number of people covered by CRA. The department is continuing to work on the most appropriate methodology to represent CRA data split by gender, but were not able to finalise this within the timeframe provided.

Age split of CRA recipients

For June 2020 the number of CRA recipients (income units) by age is provided by Health and Welfare (AIHW) Housing Assistance in Australia 2021 report, in the Financial Assistance data table CRA.2 - <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/housing-assistance/housing-assistance-in-australia/data>

Data for June 2021 will be available in the forthcoming AIHW release of the Housing Assistance in Australia report, expected in June 2022.

The full data requested in DSS SQ21-000806 and an update to DSS SQ21-000806, including the following figures for the calendar year of January 2021, and from January 2022 to the present:

- Number of payment suspensions by demographic group and program stream as per DSS SQ21-000806
- Number of individuals subject to payment suspensions (broken down as per DSS SQ21-000806)
- Number of payment suspensions broken down by reason for suspension (broken down as per DSS SQ21-000806)
- Demerit and penalty counts by stage of the TCF, demographic group and program (broken down as per DSS SQ21-000806)
- Number of payment on hold messages and conversion to payment suspensions (broken down as per DSS SQ21-000806)

Number of payment suspensions by demographic group and program for each month from January 2021 to the present (as at 31 January 2022)

Disability Employment Services: Targeted Compliance Framework - number of payment suspension events by demographic by month

Date period: 1/01/2021 to 31/1/2022

Source: DES Admin data (EBIW)

Date run date: 31 January 2022

Cohort	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
FEMALE	9,692	7,574	8,653	8,253	9,083	7,628	6,639	3,853	4,491	5,318	10,014	6,375	8,992
MALE	13,849	11,356	12,678	12,087	13,120	11,447	9,909	5,895	6,762	8,096	14,387	8,696	12,791
INDIGENOUS	2,715	2,601	2,599	2,519	2,808	2,905	2,521	1,597	1,768	2,163	3,357	1,868	2,718

Note: These figures have not been totalled as they do not represent a unique count of job seekers (e.g. a job seeker can be both male and Indigenous)

Number of individuals subject to payment suspensions, for each month from January 2021 to the present (as at 31 January 2022), including demographic groups and programs where available

Disability Employment Services: Targeted Compliance Framework - number of individuals subject to payment suspensions events by demographic by month

Date period: 1/01/2021 to 31/1/2022

Source: DES Admin data (EBIW)

Date run date: 31 January 2022

Cohort	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
FEMALE	9,046	7,032	7,877	7,600	8,343	6,942	6,181	3,580	4,032	4,885	8,884	6,116	8,421
MALE	12,871	10,427	11,409	11,028	11,955	10,276	9,066	5,481	6,038	7,427	12,709	8,323	11,919
INDIGENOUS	2,469	2,312	2,279	2,247	2,501	2,486	2,233	1,446	1,533	1,940	2,851	1,770	2,454

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Number of payment suspensions broken down by type of participation failure, by program, for each month from January 2021 to the present (as at 31 January 2022)**Disability Employment Services:** Targeted Compliance Framework - number of payment suspensions broken down by type of participation failure for each month from January 2021 to the present

Date period: 1/01/2021 to 31/1/2022

Source: DES Admin data (EBIW)

Date run date: 31 January 2022

Cohort	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
Provider Appointment	9,863	9,563	10,236	11,307	11,420	12,294	8,023	4,264	5,615	6,904	13,828	7,942	8,990
Activity	633	546	567	916	862	752	407	244	214	280	414	218	254
Third Party Appointment	17	n.p	21	29	33	41	15	28	23	27	47	20	16
Job Interview	24	24	38	33	43	40	22	n.p	16	25	28	29	14
Job Plan	764	713	539	663	648	805	593	443	359	711	1,310	532	993
Job Referral	0	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10
Job Search	12,229	8,053	9,918	7,376	9,176	5,122	7,471	4,739	5,008	5,452	8,744	6,314	11,503
Work Refusal	11	16	n.p	n.p	21	n.p	n.p	<10	18	n.p	n.p	n.p	n.p
Total	23,541	18,930	21,331	20,340	22,203	19,075	16,548	9,748	11,253	13,414	24,401	15,071	21,783

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Demerit and penalty counts by stage of the targeted compliance framework, demographic group and program (as per data previously provided), including capability review and penalties data, for each month from January 2021 to January 2022

The department is expanding the data it reports publicly. We intend to publish demerit and penalty counts by stage of the targeted compliance framework, demographic group and program on data.gov.au by the end of February 2022.

Number of payment on hold messages and conversion to payment suspensions, including by program, for each month from January 2021 to January 2022

Disability Employment Services: Targeted Compliance Framework - number of payment on hold messages and conversion to payment suspensions, including by program, for each month from January 2021

Date period: 1/01/2021 to 31/1/2022

Source: DES Admin data (EBIW)

Date run date: 31 January 2022

Note:

* suspension triggered applied refers to the job seeker failing to re-engage within 2 business days and the suspension transaction being sent to Services Australia, resulting in subsequent suspension

** suspension not triggered refers to the job seeker re-engaging with their provider within 2 business days of the non-compliance event being created. Under old rules, these would have resulted in suspension.

Month	Cohort	Provider Appointment	Activity	Third Party Appointment	Job Interview	Job Plan	Job Referral	Job Search	Work Refusal	Total
Jan-21	Suspension Triggered – Applied*	9,851	633	n.p	24	764	0	12,228	n.p	23,528
	Suspension Not Triggered**	5,867	628	n.p	32	512	0	5,626	<10	12,686
	Total	15,718	1,261	30	56	1,276	0	17,854	19	36,214
Feb-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	9,543	546	14	24	713	<10	8,045	n.p	18,902
	Suspension Not Triggered	9,489	1,019	44	55	729	0	7,465	12	18,813
	Total	19,032	1,565	58	79	1,442	<10	15,510	n.p	37,715
Mar-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	10,218	566	21	37	539	<10	9,906	n.p	21,299
	Suspension Not Triggered	11,962	1,520	72	63	713	<10	11,416	n.p	25,772
	Total	22,180	2,086	93	100	1,252	<10	21,322	n.p	47,071
Apr-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	11,257	914	29	32	663	<10	7,364	n.p	20,275
	Suspension Not Triggered	6,903	1,079	55	62	361	0	3,602	15	12,077
	Total	18,160	1,993	84	94	1,024	<10	10,966	n.p	32,352
May-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	11,367	859	32	43	648	0	9,144	21	22,114
	Suspension Not Triggered	9,345	1,068	54	62	431	<10	4,889	n.p	15,870
	Total	20,712	1,927	86	105	1,079	<10	14,033	n.p	37,984

Jun-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	12,197	751	41	40	805	0	5,097	20	18,951
	Suspension Not Triggered	7,219	893	56	50	404	0	2,801	13	11,436
	Total	19,416	1,644	97	90	1,209	0	7,898	33	30,387
Jul-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	7,943	404	14	22	593	<10	7,427	n.p	16,420
	Suspension Not Triggered	5,658	884	24	38	369	<10	3,770	n.p	10,762
	Total	13,601	1,288	38	60	962	<10	11,197	n.p	27,182
Aug-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	4,201	231	28	21	443	n.p	4,704	<10	9,637
	Suspension Not Triggered	3,363	634	42	19	334	<10	2,138	n.p	6,542
	Total	7,564	865	70	40	777	<10	6,842	n.p	16,179
Sep-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	5,582	213	23	16	360	0	4,979	18	11,191
	Suspension Not Triggered	3,718	479	35	24	201	<10	2,389	n.p	6,857
	Total	9,300	692	58	40	561	<10	7,368	n.p	18,048

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Month	Cohort	Provider Appointment	Activity	Third Party Appointment	Job Interview	Job Plan	Job Referral	Job Search	Work Refusal	Total
Oct-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	6,815	279	27	25	711	<10	5,398	n.p	13,270
	Suspension Not Triggered	4,590	584	29	34	551	<10	2,509	n.p	8,320
	Total	11,405	863	56	59	1,262	12	7,907	26	21,590
Nov-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	13,731	410	47	27	1,310	<10	8,698	n.p	24,252
	Suspension Not Triggered	8,024	794	40	61	595	n.p	4,186	n.p	13,733
	Total	21,755	1,204	87	88	1,905	21	12,884	41	37,985
Dec-21	Suspension Triggered - Applied	7,880	217	19	28	532	<10	6,288	n.p	14,980
	Suspension Not Triggered	7,445	556	31	58	363	<10	3,662	<10	12,128
	Total	15,325	773	50	86	895	<10	9,950	n.p	27,108
Jan-22	Suspension Triggered - Applied	9,049	255	16	14	993	<10	11,464	n.p	21,804
	Suspension Not Triggered	5,207	394	10	24	469	<10	4,819	n.p	10,929
	Total	14,256	649	26	38	1,462	<10	16,283	n.p	32,733

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Questions posed in letter to Ms Rebecca Skinner

Total number of people who have received the Pandemic Leave Disaster payment, broken down by month

The following data refers to the number of claims granted rather than the number of unique people granted Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment.

Month/Year	Granted Claims
Aug-20	7,333
Sep-20	2,475
Oct-20	841
Nov-20	1,108
Dec-20	1,295
Jan-21	1,334
Feb-21	1,193
Mar-21	432
Apr-21	509
May-21	594
Jun-21	3,326
Jul-21	8,160
Aug-21	15,930

Sep-21	25,686
Oct-21	36,063
Nov-21	26,423
Dec-21	37,508
Jan-22	482,222
Feb-22 (as at 14/2/22)	198,075

The number of people who have their claims for Pandemic Leave Disaster payment denied because they did not meet the eight-hour eligibility criteria

This level of detail is not available.

The number of people who have received a part-rate of the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment (\$450pw) because they lost between eight and nineteen hours of paid work

95,983 claims have been granted a PLDP payment under this criteria.

The percentage of people in rental stress (paying more than 30% of their income in rent) receiving JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, and parenting payment as at:

- June 2019
- June 2020
- June 2021

For June 2019 and June 2021, CRA income units in rental stress by primary payment is available in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Housing Assistance in Australia 2021 report, in the Financial Assistance data table at CRA.5 to CRA.7 -

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/housing-assistance/housing-assistance-in-australia/data>

The number of recipients of Jobseeker/Youth Allowance Other payments on income support for (under 1 year, 1-2, 2+ years, respectively) at the latest available date, broken down by relevant categories:

- Age (Under 25, 25-34, 35-54, 55+ years)
- Gender
- Duration of income support (under 1 year, 1-2 years, 2-5 years, 5 years +)
- State/Territory
- Partial work capacity
- Principal carer
- First Nations status
- Ex-offender
- Culturally Linguistically and Diverse

The requested data on JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (other) recipients broken down by duration on income support, and further broken down by various demographics, is not available within the timeframe provided. In order to provide the data, a bespoke data extract will need to be written, peer reviewed and quality assured. The resulting data will then need to be checked and, where necessary, suppression may need to be applied to ensure the privacy of individuals is maintained. For the element of this request which refers to recipients who are ex-offenders, it is important to note this data is not required to administer social security payments and is therefore not specifically recorded in the system.