

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

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Question:

For each state/territory, CED and LGA:

a) What is the total value of Coronavirus Supplement payments in the most recently available week? And how many people received the Coronavirus Supplement?

Answer:

Table 1 provides a breakdown by state/territory of Coronavirus Supplement recipients as at 26 June 2020, and total Coronavirus Supplement outlays for the fortnight ending 26 June 2020.

As the number of recipients is point in time (as at 26 June 2020) and Coronavirus Supplement outlays cover the fortnight period ending on 26 June 2020, these figures are not directly comparable. For example, recipients of the Supplement during the fortnight may no longer be on payment as at 26 June 2020.

A breakdown of recipients by Commonwealth Electoral Division and Local Government Area cannot be provided in the timeframe for responding to the question. A breakdown of outlays by State/Territory, Commonwealth Electoral Division and Local Government Area is not available.

Table 1.

	Total Coronavirus Supplement Recipients as at 26 June 2020*	Coronavirus Supplement Outlays – fortnight ending 26 June 2020 (\$ millions)
ACT	22,680	
NSW	658,378	
NT	33,761	
QLD	510,570	
SA	173,442	
TAS	54,031	
VIC	545,563	
WA	242,963	
Unknown	1,004	
Total	2,242,392	1,266.4

*Payments attracting the Coronavirus Supplement are: ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Austudy, JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance and Youth Allowance.