

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Services Australia

Topic: Coronavirus Supplement Payments

Question reference number: IQ20-000075

Member: Katy Gallagher

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 June 2020

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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:

Services Australia is unable to break down the data by each state/territory, CED and LGA within the time requested by the Committee.

For the week commencing 18 May 2020, \$627,088,550 was paid to 1,140,161 recipients of the \$550 Coronavirus Supplement.

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Services Australia

Topic: Jobseeker or Youth Allowance (other) - Ineligibility Since March

Question reference number: IQ20-000076

Member: Katy Gallagher

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Question:

In each week since the beginning of March, how many people who have applied for JobSeeker or Youth Allowance (other) have been found ineligible?

- a) For each state/territory, CED and LGA?
- b) By gender?

Answer:

The collection of information needed to answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of Agency resources.

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Services Australia

Topic: Jobseeker - New Zealand Applicants

Question reference number: IQ20-000077

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Question:

How many New Zealanders have applied for JobSeeker but not been approved since the beginning of 2020? How many have been approved for short-term support on the basis that they are long-term residents of Australia?

Answer:

Services Australia is unable to extract the data required to respond to this question within the time requested by the Committee.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Services Australia

Topic: Special Benefit - Hardship

Question reference number: IQ20-000079

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Question:

How many people on temporary visas have been granted Special Benefit in relation to hardship associated with the coronavirus crisis?

Answer:

As at 24 April 2020, there were 1,209 temporary visa holders receiving Special Benefit who commenced payment between 1 March 2020 and 24 April 2020.

This includes all temporary visa holders, noting that there is no specific category of Special Benefit related to the Coronavirus.