

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: COVID-19 Disaster Payment – number receiving

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Question:

1. According to the latest data, how many individuals nationwide are currently receiving the COVID-19 Disaster Payment?
 - a. Can a figure for each State and Territory please be provided?
 - b. Can a figure for each Federal electorate please be provided?

Answer:

1. As at 21 November 2021, there are 2,195,617 workers who have received the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.
 - a. By state and territory:
 - i. New South Wales: 1,089,666
 - ii. Victoria: 744,787
 - iii. South Australia: 86,288
 - iv. Queensland: 196,187
 - v. Australian Capital Territory: 65,545
 - vi. Northern Territory: 6,214
 - vii. Tasmania: 6,930
 - b. The information is not available by Federal electorate.

Note: The Australian Government announced on 29 September 2021 that the COVID-19 Disaster Payment would taper off once states and territories reach 80 per cent full vaccination of their population 16 years and older. The Payment is no longer available in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Tasmania or Victoria.