

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question from Senator Gallagher - Payments

**Question reference number:** SQ20-000580

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Type of Question:** Written. Hansard Page/s:

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**Question:**

How much has been spent/paid out to date on the following measures:

- a. The Coronavirus Supplement
- b. \$750 payments to support households

**Answer:**

As at 28 August 2020, total outlays for the Coronavirus Supplement and the two Economic Support Payments are as follows:

- a. The Coronavirus Supplement- \$11.0 billion across all eligible payments.
- b. Economic Support Payments-
  - \$5.3 billion for the first Economic Support Payment, paid from March 2020.
  - \$3.5 billion for the second Economic Support Payment, paid from July 2020.

The above outlays do not include payments to Department of Veterans' Affairs clients.