

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question on Notice - Senator Gallagher - Question 1

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**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

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**Question:**

For each DSS payment – including the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, JobSeeker, Youth Allowance and Parenting Payment:

- a. In each fortnight since the start of February, how many people on have declared income from employment and how many people have not declared any income from employment?
- b. What was the mean and median income declared in each fortnight?
- c. How many hours have people worked – mean and median – in each fortnight?
- d. How does the number and proportion of people on each payment declaring income from employment, and the mean and median income and hours declared differ to the same period in 2019?

**Answer:**

Data on employment income is only available at monthly intervals. Please find the answer in **Attachment A**. Earnings relate to the employment earnings reported in the last fortnight of the month.

DR101455AA-ADH20-0196 Payments by the Mean and Median of Fortnightly Earnings and Fortnightly Hours Worked - Time Series 22/02/2019 to 29/05/2020.

		No earnings		Has earnings		Total	Earnings Last Fortnight		Hours worked last fortnight	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage		Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Age Pension	22/02/2019	2,408,208	95.9	101,723	4.1	2,509,931	\$747.96	\$503.61	23.26	16
	29/03/2019	2,413,777	95.9	103,799	4.1	2,517,576	\$775.80	\$518.40	23.71	17
	26/04/2019	2,420,763	96	101,741	4	2,522,504	\$740.55	\$500.00	23.09	16
	31/05/2019	2,422,600	95.8	105,079	4.2	2,527,679	\$770.49	\$527.80	24.09	18
	28/06/2019	2,425,135	95.8	105,245	4.2	2,530,380	\$777.16	\$528.06	24.02	18
	26/07/2019	2,427,935	96	101,488	4	2,529,423	\$752.87	\$500.00	23.67	16
	30/08/2019	2,422,824	95.9	103,509	4.1	2,526,333	\$781.46	\$529.88	24.05	18
	27/09/2019	2,420,160	95.9	103,485	4.1	2,523,645	\$790.70	\$530.00	23.97	18
	25/10/2019	2,418,443	95.9	102,799	4.1	2,521,242	\$771.44	\$512.38	23.6	17
	29/11/2019	2,412,538	95.8	105,067	4.2	2,517,605	\$793.93	\$538.21	24.15	18
	27/12/2019	2,418,230	96.2	96,735	3.8	2,514,965	\$755.86	\$498.67	23.52	17
	31/01/2020	2,420,861	96.2	95,126	3.8	2,515,987	\$750.79	\$500.00	23.76	17
	28/02/2020	2,417,265	96	101,197	4	2,518,462	\$776.60	\$517.41	23.96	18
	27/03/2020	2,423,884	96.1	99,341	3.9	2,523,225	\$768.43	\$506.30	23.6	17
	24/04/2020	2,444,819	96.6	85,962	3.4	2,530,781	\$747.16	\$477.86	23.62	16
29/05/2020	2,453,761	96.3	93,290	3.7	2,547,051	\$865.00	\$600.00	23.4	16	
Carer Payment	22/02/2019	253,718	91	25,032	9	278,750	\$710.86	\$619.57	24.96	24
	29/03/2019	253,614	90.8	25,692	9.2	279,306	\$720.79	\$637.29	25.27	24
	26/04/2019	254,379	91	25,125	9	279,504	\$706.09	\$606.48	24.36	22
	31/05/2019	254,722	90.7	26,154	9.3	280,876	\$725.20	\$640.00	25.4	24
	28/06/2019	255,951	90.7	26,151	9.3	282,102	\$726.81	\$639.80	25.16	24
	26/07/2019	256,972	91.1	25,240	8.9	282,212	\$715.96	\$624.86	24.77	23
	30/08/2019	256,380	90.8	25,869	9.2	282,249	\$729.31	\$648.60	25.25	24
	27/09/2019	256,223	90.9	25,718	9.1	281,941	\$728.24	\$643.89	25.04	24
	25/10/2019	256,782	90.9	25,662	9.1	282,444	\$723.16	\$636.00	24.55	23
	29/11/2019	257,264	90.8	26,177	9.2	283,441	\$743.83	\$645.00	24.88	24
	27/12/2019	260,093	91.5	24,161	8.5	284,254	\$735.95	\$608.50	24.34	22
	31/01/2020	261,498	91.6	23,976	8.4	285,474	\$708.89	\$620.00	24.39	23
	28/02/2020	260,932	91	25,841	9	286,773	\$767.44	\$642.00	25.09	24
	27/03/2020	265,198	91.4	24,928	8.6	290,126	\$721.30	\$630.00	24.62	23
	24/04/2020	271,738	92.8	21,028	7.2	292,766	\$741.66	\$632.23	24.13	22
29/05/2020	270,799	92	23,392	8	294,191	\$881.07	\$794.61	24.54	23	
Disability Support Pension	22/02/2019	689,903	92.2	58,618	7.8	748,521	\$517.38	\$320.62	34.28	26
	29/03/2019	688,508	92.1	59,111	7.9	747,619	\$525.69	\$338.89	37.8	28
	26/04/2019	688,492	92.2	58,074	7.8	746,566	\$514.69	\$330.00	37.41	28
	31/05/2019	687,336	92.1	58,812	7.9	746,148	\$543.68	\$330.00	34.13	27
	28/06/2019	687,345	92.2	58,328	7.8	745,673	\$527.84	\$327.20	34.03	26
	26/07/2019	688,080	92.3	57,433	7.7	745,513	\$516.32	\$322.21	34.26	27
	30/08/2019	688,605	92.2	58,157	7.8	746,762	\$532.98	\$347.18	37.81	28
	27/09/2019	689,522	92.2	58,240	7.8	747,762	\$535.64	\$347.89	37.59	28
	25/10/2019	690,709	92.2	58,177	7.8	748,886	\$535.93	\$342.52	37.57	28
	29/11/2019	691,903	92.2	58,743	7.8	750,646	\$533.43	\$339.82	34.14	27
	27/12/2019	695,958	92.6	55,815	7.4	751,773	\$501.93	\$300.85	31.89	26
	31/01/2020	696,757	92.6	55,555	7.4	752,312	\$526.07	\$333.69	37.16	28
	28/02/2020	694,668	92.4	57,379	7.6	752,047	\$534.92	\$344.99	37.34	28
27/03/2020	696,206	92.6	55,985	7.4	752,191	\$530.32	\$334.35	37.27	28	

	24/04/2020	704,021	93.5	49,315	6.5	753,336	\$520.48	\$307.58	37.36	27
	29/05/2020	703,666	93.3	50,535	6.7	754,201	\$739.93	\$481.29	33.18	26
JobSeeker Payment	27/03/2020	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	792,814	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	24/04/2020	1,074,632	88	146,787	12	1,221,419	\$666.23	\$600.00	24.87	23
	29/05/2020	1,263,185	86.3	200,678	13.7	1,463,863	\$760.11	\$673.00	23.68	21
Newstart Allowance	22/02/2019	555,751	80.5	135,021	19.5	690,772	\$679.93	\$639.26	28.29	30
	29/03/2019	551,659	80.4	134,669	19.6	686,328	\$688.50	\$650.00	28.56	30
	26/04/2019	588,732	81	138,313	19	727,045	\$666.81	\$625.00	27.74	30
	31/05/2019	551,012	80.5	133,126	19.5	684,138	\$690.32	\$649.65	28.55	30
	28/06/2019	555,397	80.9	131,388	19.1	686,785	\$687.96	\$648.00	28.43	30
	26/07/2019	553,559	81.3	127,546	18.7	681,105	\$686.41	\$647.48	28.22	30
	30/08/2019	547,131	81.2	126,900	18.8	674,031	\$698.89	\$660.00	28.5	30
	27/09/2019	551,866	81.2	128,143	18.8	680,009	\$696.80	\$660.00	28.35	30
	25/10/2019	551,469	81	129,577	19	681,046	\$694.38	\$651.00	28.03	30
	29/11/2019	548,855	80.6	131,868	19.4	680,723	\$699.25	\$660.00	28.32	30
	27/12/2019	603,556	82.9	124,849	17.1	728,405	\$669.78	\$631.64	27.29	30
	31/01/2020	606,525	82.8	125,758	17.2	732,283	\$677.24	\$640.00	27.42	30
	28/02/2020	592,438	81.8	132,190	18.2	724,628	\$691.81	\$650.00	27.83	30
Parenting Payment Partnered	22/02/2019	66,880	89.9	7,514	10.1	74,394	\$839.52	\$620.00	31.04	26
	29/03/2019	67,041	89.2	8,124	10.8	75,165	\$847.60	\$652.77	32.01	27
	26/04/2019	66,545	89.5	7,833	10.5	74,378	\$849.28	\$630.00	31.37	26
	31/05/2019	65,561	89.2	7,947	10.8	73,508	\$848.42	\$652.00	31.94	27
	28/06/2019	65,205	89.2	7,933	10.8	73,138	\$866.68	\$661.20	32.2	27
	26/07/2019	64,353	89.5	7,557	10.5	71,910	\$883.32	\$680.40	32.47	28
	30/08/2019	63,092	89.3	7,551	10.7	70,643	\$865.76	\$672.00	32.1	28
	27/09/2019	62,448	89.3	7,491	10.7	69,939	\$905.01	\$660.00	31.79	27
	25/10/2019	61,941	89.6	7,211	10.4	69,152	\$857.20	\$650.00	31.46	26
	29/11/2019	61,533	89.4	7,331	10.6	68,864	\$857.55	\$665.00	31.73	27
	27/12/2019	61,748	90.7	6,339	9.3	68,087	\$816.40	\$607.00	30.62	25
	31/01/2020	60,999	90.7	6,251	9.3	67,250	\$824.85	\$626.72	30.94	25
	28/02/2020	61,054	89.8	6,917	10.2	67,971	\$872.30	\$652.53	31.47	26
	27/03/2020	61,198	90.6	6,354	9.4	67,552	\$847.53	\$643.25	30.95	25
	24/04/2020	65,200	92.5	5,294	7.5	70,494	\$964.37	\$692.06	31.44	26
	29/05/2020	81,312	90.7	8,368	9.3	89,680	\$1,163.16	\$950.56	29.43	25
Parenting Payment Single	22/02/2019	166,991	71.9	65,229	28.1	232,220	\$1,063.25	\$961.00	38.83	36
	29/03/2019	166,165	71.4	66,596	28.6	232,761	\$1,080.13	\$983.36	39.19	36
	26/04/2019	167,840	72	65,240	28	233,080	\$1,072.80	\$961.99	38.55	36
	31/05/2019	163,638	71.2	66,215	28.8	229,853	\$1,093.79	\$989.59	39.28	36
	28/06/2019	163,908	71.2	66,256	28.8	230,164	\$1,105.32	\$1,000.00	39.45	37
	26/07/2019	165,405	71.7	65,174	28.3	230,579	\$1,086.05	\$1,000.00	39.33	36
	30/08/2019	160,843	71.1	65,246	28.9	226,089	\$1,085.92	\$1,000.00	39.04	36
	27/09/2019	160,475	71.2	64,946	28.8	225,421	\$1,096.46	\$1,000.00	38.96	36
	25/10/2019	159,836	71.2	64,582	28.8	224,418	\$1,087.88	\$980.92	38.48	36
	29/11/2019	159,483	70.8	65,772	29.2	225,255	\$1,095.23	\$985.00	38.53	36
	27/12/2019	168,288	73.6	60,318	26.4	228,606	\$1,050.20	\$946.00	37.71	35
	31/01/2020	166,275	72.9	61,737	27.1	228,012	\$1,068.23	\$965.27	38.1	35
	28/02/2020	163,095	71.3	65,699	28.7	228,794	\$1,105.51	\$996.99	38.72	36
	27/03/2020	169,445	73.4	61,257	26.6	230,702	\$1,103.12	\$991.03	38.26	36
	24/04/2020	182,520	78.1	51,098	21.9	233,618	\$1,162.05	\$1,080.00	38.59	36
	29/05/2020	184,149	75.9	58,540	24.1	242,689	\$1,267.87	\$1,349.93	38.03	37
Youth Allowance (apprentice)	22/02/2019	375	17	1,832	83	2,207	\$828.41	\$863.73	61.71	73
	29/03/2019	370	17.2	1,786	82.8	2,156	\$847.79	\$863.60	61.85	74
	26/04/2019	392	18.3	1,750	81.7	2,142	\$839.12	\$860.24	61.6	74
	31/05/2019	424	19.5	1,745	80.5	2,169	\$831.12	\$864.00	61.77	72
	28/06/2019	446	19.5	1,843	80.5	2,289	\$858.12	\$884.00	62.94	75
	26/07/2019	440	18.7	1,918	81.3	2,358	\$866.36	\$900.00	62.98	76

	30/08/2019	415	18.6	1,814	81.4	2,229	\$877.11	\$892.74	62.64	75
	27/09/2019	395	18.4	1,748	81.6	2,143	\$852.55	\$880.00	62.22	75
	25/10/2019	394	18.4	1,745	81.6	2,139	\$865.00	\$890.48	62.52	75
	29/11/2019	368	18.5	1,620	81.5	1,988	\$849.29	\$873.24	61.54	75
	27/12/2019	431	22.4	1,491	77.6	1,922	\$823.02	\$850.00	59.53	71
	31/01/2020	458	22.7	1,557	77.3	2,015	\$827.44	\$862.00	59.23	70
	28/02/2020	426	20.7	1,634	79.3	2,060	\$855.91	\$886.22	61.08	72
	27/03/2020	689	33.4	1,374	66.6	2,063	\$845.99	\$866.32	60.02	72
	24/04/2020	841	33.2	1,695	66.8	2,536	\$890.30	\$900.00	58.87	70
	29/05/2020	886	30.3	2,040	69.7	2,926	\$1,082.42	\$1,095.99	58.31	72
Youth Allowance (other)	22/02/2019	68,843	82.5	14,636	17.5	83,479	\$572.41	\$451.65	26.67	22
	29/03/2019	67,843	82.1	14,789	17.9	82,632	\$573.38	\$469.00	27.16	23
	26/04/2019	73,452	82.2	15,856	17.8	89,308	\$596.20	\$465.00	27.04	23
	31/05/2019	67,135	82.2	14,558	17.8	81,693	\$569.49	\$465.50	27	23
	28/06/2019	68,201	82.4	14,569	17.6	82,770	\$603.55	\$473.00	26.78	22
	26/07/2019	65,796	82.4	14,081	17.6	79,877	\$585.61	\$480.00	27.27	23
	30/08/2019	63,060	82	13,839	18	76,899	\$592.07	\$489.32	27.32	23
	27/09/2019	62,763	82	13,785	18	76,548	\$619.59	\$496.00	27.47	24
	25/10/2019	61,156	81.7	13,703	18.3	74,859	\$619.46	\$497.10	27.26	24
	29/11/2019	62,165	81.1	14,511	18.9	76,676	\$620.98	\$497.08	27.06	23
	27/12/2019	70,069	82.1	15,247	17.9	85,316	\$626.17	\$500.00	27.63	24
	31/01/2020	70,859	83.6	13,937	16.4	84,796	\$591.98	\$462.00	25.95	22
	28/02/2020	71,436	83.3	14,300	16.7	85,736	\$593.66	\$461.77	26.17	22
	27/03/2020	79,521	85.1	13,878	14.9	93,399	\$593.14	\$469.76	26.54	22
	24/04/2020	107,740	88.6	13,877	11.4	121,617	\$622.64	\$472.00	24.89	20
	29/05/2020	143,466	83.7	27,957	16.3	171,423	\$829.09	\$638.77	25.19	20
Youth Allowance (student)	22/02/2019	93,843	61.8	57,925	38.2	151,768	\$735.28	\$607.41	29.22	25
	29/03/2019	104,758	61.4	65,758	38.6	170,516	\$611.83	\$525.92	24.06	21
	26/04/2019	107,533	62	65,793	38	173,326	\$584.10	\$500.00	22.75	20
	31/05/2019	114,022	61.7	70,765	38.3	184,787	\$611.44	\$507.86	23.06	20
	28/06/2019	111,679	62.5	66,949	37.5	178,628	\$605.19	\$507.00	23.51	20
	26/07/2019	114,552	63.2	66,693	36.8	181,245	\$680.88	\$574.91	26.78	23
	30/08/2019	114,392	60.7	74,083	39.3	188,475	\$605.43	\$525.00	23.36	20
	27/09/2019	114,791	60.8	74,081	39.2	188,872	\$602.95	\$525.00	23.23	20
	25/10/2019	114,024	60.8	73,441	39.2	187,465	\$616.09	\$532.00	23.5	20
	29/11/2019	90,790	60.7	58,868	39.3	149,658	\$664.66	\$560.00	25.61	22
	27/12/2019	79,146	59.7	53,388	40.3	132,534	\$823.63	\$692.30	31.72	28
	31/01/2020	86,465	61.8	53,424	38.2	139,889	\$786.31	\$651.15	30.31	26
	28/02/2020	96,633	62.3	58,452	37.7	155,085	\$725.01	\$600.00	27.97	24
	27/03/2020	112,412	67.3	54,522	32.7	166,934	\$615.86	\$522.00	23.28	20
	24/04/2020	136,711	75.2	45,054	24.8	181,765	\$666.85	\$526.35	22.89	19
	29/05/2020	147,998	70.3	62,623	29.7	210,621	\$901.79	\$736.96	21.86	19

#### Data Descriptions

Includes the following recipients:

Recipients of JobSeeker Payment who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system, and not in receipt of zero rate of payment.

JobSeeker Payment is the main income support payment for recipients aged between 22 years and pension age (the minimum qualifying age for Age Pension), who have capacity to work now or in the near future. JobSeeker Payment is available to people who are looking for work, who temporarily cannot work or study because of an injury or illness, or bereaved partners in the period immediately following the death of their partner, subject to meeting eligibility requirements. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of a zero rate of payment. From 20 March 2020, JobSeeker Payment replaces Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance. Bereavement Allowance closed to new entrants on 20 March 2020 and the payment will cease when all existing recipients have completed their bereavement period. Sickness Allowance closed to new entrants on 20 March 2020 and the payment will cease on 20 September 2020. In other published sources, recipient counts of Newstart Allowance and JobSeeker Payment may include recipients of Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance, as these payments have been subsumed into JobSeeker Payment. This combining of payments allows for a better comparison between the recipient numbers. Further information on the introduction of JobSeeker Payment is available here: <https://www.dss.gov.au/benefits-payments/jobseeker-payment>

In this report each individual payment is shown separately and the numbers of Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance recipients are not shown. This is because the number of Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance recipients in some cells needs to be confidentialised due to small numbers (less than 5). As such, a combined JobSeeker Payment number (which sums Jobseeker recipients, Bereavement Allowance recipients and Sickness Allowance recipients) has not been provided as this could result in the actual number in the confidentialised cells being derived if combined with other publicly available data.

Recipients of Parenting Payment and Youth Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

Recipients of Age Pension, Carer Payment and Disability Support Pension who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.

Earnings refers to employment earnings reported in the last fortnight of the reported period.

These data may not be an accurate record of the recipients hours worked per fortnight because it is self reported.

Note: Reported Mean and Median earnings and hours worked are calculated for recipients with recorded earnings and hours worked only. Those recipients with missing earnings or hours worked have been excluded from the calculation.

Source: Services Australia administrative data (Point in time data for each month).

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**Question:**

How many people on the Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment and Age Pension have stopped declaring income from employment, declared reduced income from employment or declared reduced hours of employment since February?

**Answer:**

The report in **Attachment A**, includes all persons who were:

- in receipt of Age Pension on both 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020;
- Disability Support Pension on both 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020
- Carer Payment on both 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020.

For each individual person, comparisons of their reported earnings amount and their reported hours worked are made between the two periods to determine whether they had either increased, decreased or remained the same in respect of their reported earnings amount and whether they had their either increased, decreased or remained the same in respect of their reported hours worked. The report also identifies persons who had a reported earnings amount in February 2020, but no reported earnings amount in May 2020. The report identifies persons who did not have a reported earnings amount in February 2020, but did have a reported earnings amount in May 2020. Finally, the report identifies persons who had no reported earnings amounts in both February 2020 and May 2020.

The report does not capture any changes in either earnings amounts or hours worked that may have taken place during the fortnightly payment periods between 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020.

As only those people who were on these payments as at 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020 are captured, the totals in these tables will not match with total recipients on each payment on either date.

## DR101456AA- Recipients receiving the same payment at both 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020 by Payment Type by changes in Earnings and Hours Worked.

PAYMENT	EARNINGS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Age Pension	Persons with lower earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	16,026
	Persons with higher earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	18,936
	Persons with same earnings amount in February and May	47,867
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	4,780
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	17,712
	Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	2,383,503
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,488,824</b>

PAYMENT	EARNINGS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Carer Payment	Persons with lower earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	4,817
	Persons with higher earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	7,195
	Persons with same earnings amount in February and May	7,623
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	2,058
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	5,242
	Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	252,102
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>279,037</b>

PAYMENT	EARNINGS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Disability Support Pension	Persons with lower earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	12,336
	Persons with higher earnings amount in May than earnings amount in February	17,024
	Persons with same earnings amount in February and May	17,376
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	3,543
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	10,411
	Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	686,033
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>746,723</b>

PAYMENT	HOURS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Age Pension	Persons with less hours worked in May than hours worked in February	14,854
	Persons with more hours worked in May than hours worked in February	9,048
	Persons with same hours worked in February and May	21,352
	Hours not recorded	37,575
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	4,780
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	17,712
	Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	2,383,503
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,488,824</b>

PAYMENT	HOURS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Carer Payment	Persons with less hours worked in May than hours worked in February	6,090
	Persons with more hours worked in May than hours worked in February	4,104
	Persons with same hours worked in February and May	5,831
	Hours not recorded	3,610
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	2,058
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	5,242
Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	252,102	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>279,037</b>

PAYMENT	HOURS CHANGE	PENSIONERS
Disability Support Pension	Persons with less hours worked in May than hours worked in February	16,371
	Persons with more hours worked in May than hours worked in February	7,933
	Persons with same hours worked in February and May	20,028
	Hours not recorded	2,404
	Persons with earnings in May but no earnings in February	3,543
	Persons with earnings in February but no earnings in May	10,411
Persons with no earnings in February and no earnings in May	686,033	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>746,723</b>

The population includes all persons who were in receipt of Age Pension/Disability Support Pension/Carer Payment at both points in time, 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020 and compares whether they had earnings in neither, one or both reporting periods.

Earnings refers to employment earnings reported in the last fortnight of the reported period.

These data may not be an accurate record of the recipients hours worked per fortnight because it is self reported.

The report does not capture any changes in either earnings amounts or hours worked that may have taken place during the fortnightly payment periods between 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020.

As only those people who were on these payments as at 28 February 2020 and 29 May 2020 are captured, the totals in these tables will not match with total recipients on each payment on either date.

Source: Services Australia administrative data.

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