

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019 – 2020

Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business Question No.  
EMSQ19-001236

Senator Rachel Siewert provided in writing.

#### Question

#### ParentsNext Statistics - broken down by month from December 2018:

Please provide the following statistics on ParentsNext, broken down by month from December 2018:

- Participants by program category (disadvantaged, child aged 4 years, etc)
- Participants by age of youngest child
- Breakdown of main activity in their plans
- Number of exemptions, by type
- Number of payment suspensions, and number of times individuals have incurred payment suspensions
- Number of payments reduced or delayed as a result
- Reasons for payment suspensions.

#### Answer

Table 1: Participants by program category

Month	Early School Leaver	High JSCI	Child aged 5	Other
December	7987	52,407	14,549	316
January	7983	53,257	13,394	300
February	8134	55,021	12,503	278
March	8324	56,126	11,206	272
April	8388	56,853	10,032	259
May	8589	58,151	9031	263
June	8773	59,253	8100	252
July	8983	60,726	7174	206
August	9210	62,003	6443	223

Table 2: Participants by age of youngest child

Month	6 Months	1	2	3	4	5
December	3161	8976	7465	17,862	18,299	19,386
January	3013	8921	7523	17,399	18,586	19,388
February	3086	8971	7644	17,621	18,825	19,687
March	3144	8975	7730	17,507	18,810	19,608
April	3226	8816	7723	17,239	18,740	19,703
May	3508	8778	7755	17,344	18,801	19,763
June	3581	8744	7834	17,355	18,806	19,909
July	3672	8833	7967	17,499	18,895	20,134
August	3652	8975	8049	17,734	18,991	20,382

*Table 3: Breakdown of main activity in their plans (top five activity types)*

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
Study - part-time or full-time	8344	10,067	12,429	14,302	15,540	16,473	17,557	18,612	19,251
Paid Work	3492	4085	4871	5691	6274	6986	7697	8273	8851
Work Preparation	2959	3405	3977	4589	4928	5425	6168	7013	8151
Health Maintenance Program	2877	3244	3613	3969	4210	4535	4864	5127	5495
Parenting Skills Program	882	886	986	1421	1942	2662	3331	4245	5517

Table 4: Number of exemptions, by type

Exemption Type	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Approved Overseas Absence	388	560	482	725	874	1025	1050	1205	1365
Bereavement Period	155	199	242	283	313	360	406	460	509
Carer Non Parental Relative	191	213	241	276	307	335	365	403	426
Carer Non-Parent State Care Plan	82	95	113	127	134	146	162	181	196
Caring for a child not eligible for Carer Payment	331	404	471	554	615	698	792	880	971
Caring responsibilities	861	990	1137	1295	1427	1592	1728	1839	1948
Claiming DSP	<10	<10	<10	11	17	22	24	26	30
Community Service Order	<10	10	12	15	16	19	21	22	25
Declared Natural Disaster	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Dependent Child Exempt TPP	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
DV or Relationship breakdown	621	790	933	1138	1300	1496	1667	1858	2055
Expectant Mother	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	10	11	12	13
Jury Duty	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Large Family with 4+ Children	5567	6342	7046	7771	8393	9188	9843	10,401	11,102
Major Personal Crisis	748	951	1143	1344	1527	1732	1964	2170	2394
Major Personal Disruption	150	182	219	261	292	335	396	429	457
Other Special Circumstances	349	414	477	572	626	698	787	830	892
ParentsNext Temporary Confinement	2082	2558	3053	3693	4244	4867	5436	6008	6662
Providing Distance Education for Child	21	27	32	38	42	44	46	54	58
Providing Home Schooling	168	208	255	289	321	354	388	412	442
Special Circumstances with Family	142	170	204	248	274	298	330	373	421
Temporary Incapacity - Serious Illness	634	711	840	990	1103	1239	1365	1461	1549
Temporary Medical Incapacity	1,651	2,055	2542	3147	3603	4226	4803	5326	5843
<b>Total</b>	<b>14167</b>	<b>16,898</b>	<b>19,469</b>	<b>22,799</b>	<b>25,451</b>	<b>28,698</b>	<b>31,599</b>	<b>34,365</b>	<b>37,373</b>

*Table 5: Number of payment suspensions, and number of times individuals have incurred payment suspensions and reasons for payment suspensions*

	Dec-18		Jan-19		Feb-19		Mar-19		Apr-19		May-19		Jun-19		Jul-19		Aug-19	
Non Compliance Event	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count	Total	JS Count
Provider Appointment Did not attend - Invalid Reason	2161	2101	3963	3681	4069	3795	4504	4085	2741	2596	5185	4668	4268	3923	4551	4133	4849	4355
Provider Appointment Miscellaneous	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	0
Activity No Result Entered/Did not attend	2484	2128	2747	2148	4751	3647	5567	4218	3517	3009	6476	4607	4804	3753	2898	2394	2764	2163
Activity Did not attend - Invalid Reason	26	26	31	31	105	91	106	98	70	66	176	152	117	104	82	78	109	99
Misconduct at Activity	<10	<10	0	0	0	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Appointment No Result Entered	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Appointment Did not attend - Invalid Reason	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10
Job Plan not agreed	37	37	33	33	48	48	67	67	NA	NA	54	54	NA	NA	58	58	53	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>4715</b>	<b>4251</b>	<b>6784</b>	<b>5770</b>	<b>8983</b>	<b>7335</b>	<b>10,254</b>	<b>8167</b>	<b>6375</b>	<b>5570</b>	<b>11,897</b>	<b>9047</b>	<b>9238</b>	<b>7505</b>	<b>7594</b>	<b>6391</b>	<b>7780</b>	<b>6412</b>

*Number of payments reduced or delayed as a result*

- Between 1 December 2018 – 31 August 2019, three parents have incurred a financial penalty (one week's pay).
- The department does not hold data on the number of payment suspensions delayed.