

Question on notice no. 99

Portfolio question number: AE18/104

2017-18 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 26 February 2018

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1. How many people are clients of the SRSS program? Please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, age ranges, and which bands they are on.
2. What is the estimated budget allocated for SRSS at the end of the current contracts due to expire in June 2018?
3. Is the Department planning any changes in relation to eligibility for Status Resolution Support Payments? If so, what will those changes be and how many people currently receiving the SRSS payment will have their payment stopped?
4. There are a large number of contracted providers who have contracts ending on 30 June 2018. Will the Department conduct a tender process prior to that date so current and new providers can apply to deliver the services?

Answer —

Question 1:

Table 1 – Individuals in the SRSS Programme by State/Territory as at 27 February 2018

State/Territory	Total
VIC	5,863
NSW	4,836
QLD	1,086
SA	828
WA	532
ACT	85
TAS	40
NT	29
Total	13,299

Table 2 – Individuals in the SRSS Programme by Age Range as at 27 February 2018

Age Range	Total
0-4 years	1,726
5-6 years	439

7-12 years	1,203
13-15 years	447
16-17 years	244
18-25 years	1,543
26-35 years	4,030
36-45 years	2,447
46+	1,220
Total	13,299

Table 3 – Individuals in the SRSS Programme by Band as at 27 February 2018

	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Total
Total	1	16	424	27	397	12,434	13,299

Question 2:

The SRSS program is funded through Program 1.3 Onshore Compliance and Detention. Total funding for this Program as per the Department's 2017-18 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements is:

- 2017-18 \$1296.485m
- 2018-19 \$1143.687m
- 2019-20 \$1090.495m
- 2020-21 \$1008.324m

Question 3:

In line with Government and community expectations, the eligibility criteria for SRSS recipients is reviewed regularly. Changes that are currently being considered focus on people's capacity for self-agency (rather than being reliant on SRSS income support) and status resolution through granting of a visa or departure from Australia.

Question 4:

There will be no new tender process for SRSS. Two year contract extension clauses have been activated for nine of the existing eleven SRSS Providers.