

# Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy Payments

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**Senator:** Furner

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**Question:**

**Senator FURNER** - Has it been possible to break down the 13-week maximum period in respect of days and weeks? I know some people were only affected for a few days; others were affected for a period of a week or so.

**Mr Tidswell** - In terms of the disaster income recovery subsidy?

**Senator FURNER** - Yes, that is right.

**Mr Tidswell** - I do not know that I have that information here. We will have to take that on notice to see what we can do on that area.

**Answer:**

The following table, based on payments recorded in the Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy (DIRS) payment profiles, represents the total DIRS duration for all customers who have been granted payments as at 11 March 2011.

The table includes customers who have been paid their full entitlement, for example customers who were in receipt of DIRS but have since cancelled, and those who are still in receipt of the payment as at 11 March 2011. For customers who are still on payment, it is assumed that the duration will be the maximum 13 weeks; for example, a current customer who had received three weeks of their 13 week entitlement as at 11 March 2011 is included in the 13 week total. It is possible that some of these customers may return to work and go off payment before the 13 weeks expires. For this reason, the data should be used for indicative purposes only.

<b>Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy Duration</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Day	172
2 Days	774
3 Days	1,515
4 Days	1,515
5 Days	1,450
6 Days	2,073

1 Week	2,801
2 Weeks	16,307
3 Weeks	3,199
4 Weeks	2,512
5 Weeks	879
6 Weeks	758
7 Weeks	388
8 Weeks	309
9 Weeks	143
10 Weeks	116
11 Weeks	27
12 Weeks	47
13 Weeks	23,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,909</b>