

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Voluntary Income Management

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### **Question:**

- a) **Senator SIEWERT** - Among those who have gone to voluntary management in the NT - and I am now talking about those that have moved from compulsory income management to voluntary income management - have there been people wanting to come off already?

**Ms Ramsey** - I would need to take the numbers on notice, but I am aware that there are customers who have come back and wanted to have the conversation about coming off and they have come off. I do not have the numbers, but I can take that on notice.....

- b) **Senator SIEWERT** - I will ask next estimates how many people have received their \$250.

**Ms Cartwright** - We have had some paid in Western Australia, because their period would have started prior to the Northern Territory customers.

**Senator SIEWERT** - How many? You can take that on notice if you do not have those figures.

**Ms Cartwright** - I will take that one on notice.

#### **Answer:**

- a) The number of people who have exited off Voluntary Income Management in the Northern Territory is 710. Centrelink is unable to identify the number within this group that have exited Voluntary Income Management at their own request.
- b) As at 14 March 2011, 1,698 customers under Voluntary Income Management in Western Australia and the Northern Territory have received the Voluntary Income Management Incentive Payment.