

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) With reference to refugees, supported through the Humanitarian Settlement Services program, what is the total number of persons that arrived in Australia since November 2007 that are receiving Centrelink benefits? What is the percentage therefore of the number of persons working and those not?
- b) What is the total amount of payments received by these individuals?
- c) Provide a breakdown of the dollar value of payments in the following categories:
 - Unemployment Benefits;
 - Sickness Benefits;
 - Carers Allowances; and
 - Youth Allowance.

Answer:

- (a)-(c) Centrelink is not able to definitively identify refugee customers who have been supported or not through the Humanitarian Settlement Services Program as our system does not contain a flag or identifier to capture this information.