Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator Siewert asked:

Could you provide:

- o the numbers of people that have been rolled over onto income management that were in the 73 prescribed communities;
- o the number of people that have gone newly onto income management;
- o the number of people that have been classified as vulnerable;
- o the number of people that have come off income management; and
- o the number of people that have been exempted (and break it down for the reasons why if possible), including the number of people exempted who are Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

Answer:

As at 22 April 2011, a total of 14,133 people had transitioned from the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) income management to the new model of income management. A further 2,647 new people in the Northern Territory commenced income management.

There were 217 people income managed under the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure (17 new people and 200 NTER transitioned people).

A total of 3,183 (1,116 new people and 2,067 NTER transitioned people) income management customers came off income management.

As at 22 April 2011, a total of 2,130 exemptions from income management had been granted. Of these, 539 (25.3%) identified as Indigenous and 1,591 (74.7%) identified as non-Indigenous or chose not to disclose whether or not they were from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

Of the total exemptions granted:

- 1,241 were for parenting requirements;
- 33 were for paid employment;
- 850 were for full-time students; and
- 6 were for full-time new apprentices.