

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

- a) For each financial year, since 2006-07, provide a breakdown of the numbers of Indigenous recipients transferred to the Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment, by:
- 1) Newstart Allowance recipients;
 - 2) Youth Allowance recipients;
 - 3) Parenting Payment Single recipients; and
 - 4) Parenting Payment Partnered recipients.
- b) Provide a breakdown of claims and rejections for the DSP in 2012-13 for Indigenous income support recipients, by state and territory and nationally.

Answer:

- a) The tables below provide a breakdown of the numbers of Indigenous recipients transferred to Disability Support Pension (Table 1) and Carer Payment (Table 2).

Table 1: Indigenous recipients - transfers to Disability Support Pension from 2006-07 to 2012-13

Transfers From:	Financial Year						
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Newstart Allowance	1,189	1,620	2,632	2,720	2,871	1,890	1,256
Youth Allowance	116	135	215	222	267	191	162
Parenting Payment (single)	271	527	493	457	396	257	207
Parenting Payment (partnered)	69	107	128	119	85	41	38

Table 2: Indigenous recipients - transfers to Carer Payment from 2006-07 to 2012-13.

Transfers From:	Financial Year						
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Newstart Allowance	365	430	648	697	955	983	950
Youth Allowance	56	80	101	132	164	193	141
Parenting Payment (single)	267	377	256	370	417	401	559
Parenting Payment (partnered)	124	128	138	159	168	158	135

- b) Table 3 provides a breakdown of claims and rejections for the Disability Support Pension by Indigenous income support recipients, by state and territory and nationally.

Table 3	Indigenous customers	
	Rejections	Claims
Not coded*	17	23
Australian Capital Territory	32	84
New South Wales	1,674	2,860
Northern Territory	617	854
Queensland	1,379	2,241
South Australia	344	531
Tasmania	131	236
Victoria	317	592
Western Australia	583	929
Total	5,094	8,350

* 'Not coded' is for those without a valid address who therefore cannot be assigned to a boundary (Local Government Area, Commonwealth Electoral Division etc.).