

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Indigenous/non-Indigenous income support recipient numbers

**Question reference number:** HS 29

**Senator:** Siewert

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#### **Question:**

For both periods 2012-13 and 31 July 2013 to 31 December 2013, provide a breakdown by Indigenous/non-Indigenous income support recipients, in each state and territory by:

- a) payment type;
- b) state and territory;
- c) gender;
- d) partial capacity to work (with and without earnings);
- e) principal carer (with and without earnings); and
- f) with earnings.

#### **Answer:**

Data showing the breakdown of Indigenous/non-Indigenous income support recipients in each state and territory by the date ranges and categories specified above is not available. The data in the attached Tables 1(a), 1(b), 2(a) and 2(b) indicate the number of Indigenous/non-Indigenous income support recipients in each state and territory aged 15–64 years as at June 2012 and June 2013 respectively.

Data for the attached tables was extracted at various points in time during June or July in the relevant year, depending on the payment type. Customers aged 65 or older are not included in the data, which means the totals for some payments, such as Age Pension and Carer Payment, will represent a significant undercount. The Age Pension population data represent women aged under 65 in the relevant year.

To attempt to provide further data against the categories specified above would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Confidentiality Provision**

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'Not Available' (represented by 'na') will be inserted in cells when it may be possible to estimate customer numbers. This will prevent information from being broken down or manipulated to the degree that individuals may be identified, and to cover the legal requirement to protect an individual's privacy.

'Unknown' indicates that the customers' addresses could not be mapped to a valid State at the time the data was extracted. This can occur if a customer was temporarily overseas or did not have a recognised, geographically valid Australian address recorded.

**Table 1(a) Indigenous population aged 15–64 years receiving income support payments, by state and territory, 2012**

State/Territory	Age Pension	Disability Support Pension	Wife Pension (Age)	Wife Pension (DSP)	Widow Pension Class B	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment Single	Parenting Payment Partnered	Newstart Allowance	Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Austudy	ABSTUDY	Youth Allowance
New South Wales	97	13944	32	62	<20	3574	11028	1435	12504	25	133	73	27	56	4386	4709
Victoria	<20	3121	<20	<20	<20	606	2068	303	2571	<20	32	27	<20	20	950	1008
Queensland	101	9791	21	52	<20	2074	9893	2578	14217	36	143	76	23	46	2750	4476
Western Australia	61	6308	<20	<20	<20	1195	5470	1479	7755	<20	66	50	<20	<20	992	2041
South Australia	23	2915	<20	<20	<20	510	2105	514	3391	<20	32	<20	<20	<20	838	960
Tasmania	<20	1415	<20	<20	<20	372	845	273	1122	<20	24	<20	<20	<20	332	525
Australian Capital Territory	<20	283	<20	<20	<20	na	236	<20	246	na	<20	246	<20	<20	129	94
Northern Territory	56	6617	<20	<20	<20	651	2598	2546	7738	<20	68	<20	<20	<20	538	1472
Unknown	<20	70	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	na	32	na	na	na	<20	na	<20	20

**Table 1(b) Non-Indigenous population aged 15–64 years receiving income support payments, by state and territory, 2012**

State/Territory	Age Pension	Disability Support Pension	Wife Pension (Age)	Wife Pension (DSP)	Widow Pension Class B	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment Single	Parenting Payment Partnered	Newstart Allowance	Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Austudy	ABSTUDY	Youth Allowance
New South Wales	8758	246669	2729	3066	<20	67707	91521	38470	162071	4385	8824	1888	653	12906	na	108939
Victoria	6929	192102	1965	2087	<20	44441	68659	27712	130124	3485	6799	1957	589	11901	na	98801
Queensland	5305	148845	1430	1925	<20	30242	63167	19897	103112	2596	5420	1566	245	7729	na	63077
Western Australia	2289	55542	643	870	<20	9047	26065	6846	35527	1071	2108	558	103	3071	na	23474
South Australia	2452	71198	722	930	<20	12704	22936	7866	46253	1462	1879	606	239	3393	na	29056
Tasmania	916	25734	275	407	<20	5653	8473	3241	17103	690	841	187	40	1132	na	9654
Australian Capital Territory	252	7769	39	na	<20	891	2994	667	3849	56	151	80	<20	589	na	5529
Northern Territory	78	3493	22	20	<20	449	1429	339	2035	45	70	30	<20	135	na	847
Unknown	283	5871	184	439	<20	205	62	157	123	39	73	6	<20	41	na	592

**Table 2(a) Indigenous population aged 15–64 years receiving income support payments, by state and territory, 2013**

State/Territory	Age Pension	Disability Support Pension	Wife Pension (Age)	Wife Pension (DSP)	Widow Pension Class B	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment Single	Parenting Payment Partnered	Newstart Allowance	Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Austudy	ABSTUDY	Youth Allowance
New South Wales	115	14616	36	52	<20	4030	9817	1347	14807	20	124	83	32	68	3670	6001
Victoria	24	3315	<20	<20	<20	651	1892	331	3070	<20	34	22	<20	<20	879	1287
Queensland	114	10230	20	46	<20	2315	9327	2562	16373	27	128	86	20	45	2313	5711
Western Australia	58	6296	<20	<20	<20	1280	5021	1424	9252	<20	58	38	<20	<20	796	2662
South Australia	<20	3034	<20	<20	<20	543	1903	499	3913	<20	31	<20	<20	<20	756	1216
Tasmania	<20	1449	<20	<20	<20	416	797	264	1254	<20	22	<20	<20	<20	301	591
Australian Capital Territory	<20	337	<20	<20	<20	na	207	28	262	na	<20	<20	<20	<20	102	140
Northern Territory	56	6413	<20	<20	<20	710	2439	2319	8705	<20	63	<20	<20	na	466	2031
Unknown	<20	51	<20	<20	<20	<20	na	na	<20	na	na	na	<20	na	<20	<20

**Table 2(b) Non-Indigenous population aged 15–64 years receiving income support payments, by state and territory, 2013**

State/Territory	Age Pension	Disability Support Pension	Wife Pension (Age)	Wife Pension (DSP)	Widow Pension Class B	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment Single	Parenting Payment Partnered	Newstart Allowance	Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Austudy	ABSTUDY	Youth Allowance
New South Wales	8438	242722	2342	2602	<20	72318	71089	33732	193518	3111	7818	2043	430	14402	na	107328
Victoria	6593	190267	1610	1760	<20	46951	52097	25056	160044	2492	5926	1956	371	13039	na	100139
Queensland	5323	147111	1154	1681	<20	32258	52045	18625	123247	1834	4759	1645	195	9235	na	65613
Western Australia	2260	54025	545	733	<20	9422	20808	6225	45377	789	1815	629	99	3351	na	23400
South Australia	2365	69101	576	806	<20	13608	17576	7130	54028	1054	1616	619	135	3806	na	29166
Tasmania	888	25313	247	337	<20	5853	6746	2918	19484	519	736	194	35	1223	na	9402
Australian Capital Territory	229	7846	30	na	<20	954	2370	619	4924	36	128	78	<20	622	na	5507
Northern Territory	85	3269	22	<20	<20	484	1209	324	2346	33	57	42	<20	152	na	847
Unknown	263	5181	163	359	<20	168	33	92	61	22	44	10	<20	38	na	446

(a) Non-Indigenous population includes income support recipients whose Indigenous status was unknown. Indigenous population includes only those income support recipients who have voluntarily identified as Indigenous, and may therefore represent an undercount.

(b) All data are point in time data. Depending on the particular payment type data are reported at various points in time across June and July in the relevant year.

c) Not applicable/Not available = na