

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Overpayments

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Question:

- a) Provide a breakdown of outstanding debt by main pension/allowance.
- b) Provide the value of overpayments that have not yet been raised

Answer:

- a) The following table provides a breakdown of outstanding debt at 28 February 2014 by main pension /allowance.

Customer Payment Group	Number	Amount
Family Tax Benefit (FAO reco. only)	276,777	\$906,191,154
Parenting Payment Single	84,632	\$460,642,488
Newstart Allowance	253,811	\$409,085,436
Disability Support Pension	49,477	\$219,340,808
Parenting Payment Partnered	45,857	\$138,938,943
Youth Allowance (Student)	70,499	\$138,909,216
Age Pension	29,333	\$128,018,024
Family Tax Benefit (excluding FAO reco.)	72,172	\$60,738,829
Austudy	19,487	\$49,632,331
Carer Payment	16,484	\$57,540,095
Youth Allowance (Jobseeker)	34,990	\$24,270,405
ABSTUDY	12,052	\$21,898,739
Other	57,584	\$112,092,730
Grand Total	1,023,155	\$2,727,299,198

- b) The estimated value of overpayments that have not been raised was approximately \$379 million at 28 February 2014.