Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Express Plus Mobile Apps

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Question:

I refer to HS 72 concerning Express Plus mobile apps. Please update answers (a) and (b).

Answer:

- a) In the 2012-13 financial year there were 753,018 downloads of the Express Plus Apps. Apps available during this period were:
 - Students: released 9 August 2012;
 - Job seekers: released 4 October 2012;
 - Families: released 30 November 2012;
 - Seniors: released 20 December 2012; and
 - Lite (multilingual): released 10 June 2013.

To date in 2013-14 (1 July 2013 to 28 February 2014) there have been an additional 1,081,420 downloads of the Express Plus Apps. One new app has been released in this period:

- Medicare: released 27 July 2013.
- b) For the purpose of this answer "active users" are defined as those customers who undertook at least one transaction via an Express Plus App (Centrelink) in the period.
 - Active users for the period I July 2012 to 30 June 2013: 441,446.
 - Active users for the period I July 2013 to 28 February 2014: 862,370.

Note that some customers may have been active users in both periods and are therefore counted in both of the figures above.