

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Centrepay

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**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- a) How many people have registered for Centrepay on June 2007 and June 2012?
- b) How many Indigenous income support recipients used Centrepay at June 2007 and June 2012?
- c) At June 2012 provide the numbers on each payment type using Centrepay.
- d) What percentage of public housing tenants are voluntarily using Centrepay?

**Answer:**

- a) As at June 2007: 288,855.  
As at 8 June 2012: 543,641 (Customers who had one or more transaction in the last month).
- b) June 2007 data is not readily available at this level.  
As at 8 June 2012: 81,736 (Customers who had one or more transaction in the last month).
- c) The following table provides numbers on each payment using Centrepay at June 2012.

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Count of Customers</b>
Disability Support Pension	165,508
Parenting Payment Single	109,367
Newstart Allowance	91,757
Age Pension	72,085
Carer Payment	32,554
Family Tax Benefit	28,437
Parenting Payment Partnered	19,911
Youth Allowance	15,127
Austudy	2,655
Widow Allowance	2,117
ABSTUDY	1,501

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Count of Customers</b>
Wife Pension - Disability Support Pension	851
Wife Pension - Age Pension	428
Carer Allowance	337
Sickness Allowance	297
Partner Allowance	282
Special Benefit	268
CCB for Approved Care	118
Mobility Allowance	23
Bereavement Allowance	<20
Widow Pension	<20
Senior Health Care Card	<20
Residential Care Assessment	<20
Emergency Recovery Payment	<20
Financial Supplement Loan	<20
FaCS PES	<20
JET Child Care Fee Relief	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>543,641</b>

d) As at 15 June 2012: 49.92 per cent.