

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Review measure of DSP recipients

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: How many reviews will take place in Penrith?

Ms Campbell: I do not think we would have that information with us; we can take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Let me know how many reviews are taking place in Penrith. Can you do it by seat? Can you do it for Lindsay?

Ms Campbell: We can take the question on notice and see what we can get out of ISIS.

Senator CAMERON: See if you can do it for Lindsay.

Senator Payne: If we can do it by service centre, I think, is probably a logical approach for the department.

Senator CAMERON: So the service centre within Lindsay?

Senator Payne: It is in Penrith.

Senator CAMERON: Within the seat of Lindsay.

Senator Payne: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: If you could do the numbers in the service centre, where that service centre would be and also the numbers in the Prime Minister's seat and in the Treasurer's seat.

Ms Campbell: This process is we have to go through the entire cohort and work out who is going to meet these eligibility requirements and then we have got to look through. We have estimated it is about 28,000, but I do not think we have got the complete list of 28,000 names at the moment. We will go through that process but we will take his questions on notice to see what we can get.

Answer:

The Department of Human Services holds information on customer numbers by electorate, but does not hold information on the breakdown of numbers by electorate of DSP customers who will be eligible for review. Using postcodes that fall in each electorate as an indicator, the table below details the number of customers identified as eligible for review in the postcodes that fall into the electorates of Lindsay, North Sydney and Warringah.

The department does not have the numbers of customers eligible for review by service centre. Customers eligible for review will be managed by a centralised team. Team members will contact customers to confirm their eligibility and book an appointment for them at a service centre of their choice.

Electorate	Postcodes by electoral divisions*	Number of DSP customers identified as eligible for review	Percentage of total DSP customer population per electorate
Lindsay	2745 2747-2750 2753 2759 2765 2773 2774	216	3.7%
North Sydney	2060-2066 2068 2089 2090 2110 2111	64	3.5%
Warringah	2086-2088 2092-2096 2099 2100	61	3.4%

*Source for postcodes:

http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp0304/04rp11table2 accessed 24 June 2014.

Please note that the data represents all customers who meet the eligibility criteria for review. The criteria are as follows:

- people who are aged under 35 years and who were granted DSP from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2011; and
- who are not manifestly disabled and who have a work capacity of eight or more hours per week.

Customers will be pre-screened before review by a centralised team to ensure that their circumstances have not changed and that they continue to meet eligibility criteria before a review commences.