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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Could you take on notice and tell us the number of people that are coming on and off.
An update to the answer to a question on notice from the last hearings that has been updated.

Answer:

Child Protection Income Management

There are currently 357 on Child Protection Income Management (CPIM) across all locations.

Since commencement, a total of 2,112 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 45 weeks on the measure.

Only 13 per cent of people who have been on the Child Protection measure have had a one month gap between multiple notices to income management, indicating a low proportion of people cycling on and off the measure.

Of those who have been on CPIM across Australia:

- One quarter have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Fifteen per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the Child Protection measure.

Cape York Income Management

There are currently 153 people on income management as part of the Cape York Welfare Reform Trials.

Since commencement, a total of 684 people have been on income management as part of the trials. These people, on average, have spent 75 weeks on income management.

Of those who have been on Cape York Income Management:

- Almost half (44 per cent) have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Over one third (40 per cent) had a one month gap between multiple notices to income management.

Supporting People at Risk Measure

There are currently 202 people on the Supporting People at Risk (SPaR) measure of income management across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 321 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 32 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on the Supporting People at Risk measure:

- Seven per cent have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Seven per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the SPaR measure.

Only nine per cent had a one month gap between multiple notices to income management, indicating a low proportion of people cycling on and off the measure.

Voluntary Income Management

There are currently 5,935 people on Voluntary Income Management (VIM) across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 14,976 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 94 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on VIM across Australia, one fifth have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more.

Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (social worker assessed) Measure

There are currently 264 people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (social worker assessed) Measure of Income Management across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 559 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 86 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (social worker assessed) Measure across Australia:

- Eighteen per cent have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Eighteen per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (social worker assessed) Measure.

Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (youth trigger) Measure

There are currently 2,709 people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient (youth trigger) Measure of Income Management across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 6,079 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 36 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on the Vulnerable (Youth Trigger) Measure across Australia, one third have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more.

Disengaged Youth Measure

There are currently 4,406 people on the Disengaged Youth Measure of Income Management across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 13,366 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 67 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on the Disengaged Youth Measure across Australia:

- Over half (54 per cent) subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Five per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the Disengaged Youth Measure.

Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure

There are currently 12,224 people on the Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure of Income Management across Australia.

Since commencement, a total of 24,576 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 104 weeks on the measure.

Of those who have been on the Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure across Australia:

- Forty per cent subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- Four per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure.