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Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Can I get a document that describes the income profile of the tenants? Is there some way you can describe to me the range of incomes of the tenants?

Answer:

The range of gross incomes for eligible NRAS tenants is calculated based on the household composition of the NRAS dwelling.

For 2015-16, the maximum gross income for a single adult household is \$47,904 and for a sole parent the maximum gross income is \$50,385. Adjustments to these income limits are made for household compositions with additional adults, at \$18,325 per adult and with children, at \$15,889 per child.

The combined household income limits to determine eligibility for new tenants is available at <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/housing-support/programs-services/national-rental-affordability-scheme/national-rental-affordability-scheme-nras-household-income-indexation>.

Household income may increase above the income limits in subsequent years but a dwelling will cease to be eligible for an incentive if the tenants' household income exceeds the applicable household income limit by 25 per cent or more in two consecutive eligibility years.

A detailed distribution of tenant's income is not readily available and to produce it would require a significant diversion of resources.