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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Are those the teams that are based out of the hub in Alice Springs?

Ms Ramsey: Yes. They operate from Alice Springs. They are currently out there and working through that process and are signing people on to mainly voluntary income management.

Senator SIEWERT: We heard this morning that there were 86.

Ms Ramsey: Yesterday there were something like 111 people who had signed on, I think.

Senator SIEWERT: That is different to information that we have.

Mr Sandison: It is an indicative figure of 86, based on an end-of-month figure, I think. But this is the up-to-date figure.

Senator SIEWERT: So, 112—

Ms Ramsey: I will need to clarify that, but it is over 100, and I am pretty sure it is 111.

Answer:

The number is correct. As at 17 October 2012, there were 111 customers on Voluntary Income Management in the APY Lands.