

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Data matching

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Question:

- a) For 2011-12, provide all data and reports produced from Centrelink's *Integrated Review System*. In particular, provide details of the numbers of reviews undertaken, broken down by payment type, showing payments cancelled, payments reduced, payments increased, as well as the amounts of debts raised in each category. Additionally, provide details of the amounts that were underpaid, overpaid, for each payment type, and in total.
- b) Provide the information obtained from 2011-12 data-matching undertaken by DHS, with a breakdown by the numbers overpaid; underpaid and correctly paid; by payment type and the amounts of funds involved.

Answer:

- a) To provide all data and reports produced from Centrelink's *Integrated Review System* would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
Information on reviews by payment type is at Attachment A.
- b) Information is provided at Attachment B.

**Agency FYTD Report
2011-12 Financial Year**

Compliance + Serious Non-Compliance By Payment Type

Payment Type	Completed Review Number	Payment Cancellation Number	Decrease in Payment Number	Reduction Number	Reduction Amount	Upward Variation Number	Upward Variation Amount	Debt Raised Number	Debt Raised Amount
ABY: ABSTUDY Payment	2,059	109	66	175	47,241	35	7,363	758	3,141,512
AGE: Age Pension	62,920	12,097	7,656	19,753	8,293,100	5,931	562,961	10,667	35,974,219
AIC: Assistance to Isolated Children	22	-	-	-	-	< 20	850	< 20	8,891
AUS: Austudy Payment	4,299	152	154	306	116,035	82	8,700	2,149	11,828,881
BBY: Baby Bonus	414	< 20	< 20	< 20	7,260	< 20	520	53	127,143
BVA: Bereavement Allowance	27	< 20	-	< 20	719	-	-	< 20	259
CAR: Carer Payment	12,799	516	1,544	2,060	656,342	400	40,919	4,252	10,470,706
CCB: Child Care Benefit	350	< 20	< 20	23	4,694	-	-	28	95,167
CDA: Carer Allowance	3,791	< 20	1,969	1,974	226,643	< 20	950	1,793	880,139
DSP: Disability Support Pension (incl. DSB/DWS/WFR)	42,784	1,925	2,805	4,730	2,285,818	583	44,081	10,099	39,792,278
EPA: ABSTUDY Pensioner Education Supplement	115	-	< 20	< 20	651	-	-	39	34,374
EPF: Pensioner Education Supplement	2,219	-	279	279	17,194	< 20	2,945	1,187	797,820
FAM: Family Allowance (incl. AFP/BFP/DOPP)	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FTB: Family Tax Benefit	18,267	40	620	660	88,980	120	9,302	1,578	2,816,949
MAA: Mature Age Allowance	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAT: Maternity Allowance	79	< 20	< 20	< 20	2,269	< 20	402	< 20	1,047
MIA: Maternity Immunisation Allowance	39	-	< 20	< 20	223	-	-	< 20	1,734
MOB: Mobility Allowance	38	-	< 20	< 20	916	-	-	< 20	412
NSA: Newstart Allowance	133,566	3,944	3,289	7,233	2,893,383	1,348	293,822	39,886	63,774,208
PPP: Parenting Payment Partnered	18,142	649	910	1,559	508,261	274	59,987	10,781	34,126,304
PPS: Parenting Payment Single	54,879	409	1,409	1,818	722,374	588	109,957	9,769	36,737,010
PTA: Partner Allowance	2,409	< 20	25	31	3,791	28	2,888	113	175,874
SKA: Sickness Allowance	1,444	38	41	79	26,453	< 20	30	434	945,511
SPL: Special Benefit	633	19	< 20	29	10,799	< 20	2,408	188	163,017
WDA: Widow Allowance	1,429	38	65	103	27,312	44	2,026	287	778,981
WFA: Wife Pension Age	157	< 20	< 20	27	5,741	< 20	3,647	28	126,697
WFD: Wife Pension DSP	241	< 20	27	28	3,004	< 20	1,102	63	506,396
WID: Widow B Pension	< 20	-	< 20	< 20	87	-	-	-	-
ERP: Emergency Recovery Payment	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
YSK: Youth Allowance Job Seeker	38,045	1,066	767	1,833	477,337	451	106,940	10,581	10,181,210
YTU: Youth Allowance Student	38,169	1,676	1,200	2,876	712,474	638	80,024	12,383	33,682,516
YTA: Youth Training Allowance	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	439,370	22,717	22,913	45,630	17,139,101	10,590	1,341,824	117,133	287,169,253

**FYTD Report
2011-12 Financial Year
Compliance + Serious Non-Compliance (Data Matching) By Payment Type**

Payment Type	Completed Review Number	Payment Cancellation Number	Decrease In Payment Number	Reduction Number	Reduction Amount	Upward Variation Number	Upward Variation Amount	Debt Raised Number	Debt Raised Amount
ABY: ABSTUDY Payment	1,552	101	54	155	43,154	35	7,363	739	3,054,797
AGE: Age Pension	56,669	12,084	7,510	19,595	8,266,890	5,888	561,787	10,427	31,697,508
AIC: Assistance to Isolated Children	21	-	-	-	-	< 20	850	< 20	8,891
AUS: Austudy Payment	3,630	146	137	283	111,327	80	8,692	2,115	11,601,815
BBY: Baby Bonus	276	< 20	< 20	< 20	7,260	< 20	520	53	127,143
BVA: Bereavement Allowance	25	< 20	< 20	< 20	719	-	-	< 20	259
CAR: Carer Payment	9,396	501	1,488	1,989	634,909	387	40,450	4,066	8,873,347
CCB: Child Care Benefit	301	< 20	< 20	23	4,694	-	-	20	12,788
CDA: Carer Allowance	3,353	< 20	1,963	1,968	226,152	< 20	950	1,775	722,914
DSP: Disability Support Pension (incl. DSB/DWS/WFR)	26,588	1,886	2,485	4,371	2,214,190	506	40,625	9,582	32,972,776
EPA: ABSTUDY Pensioner Education Supplement	111	-	< 20	651	-	-	-	39	34,374
EPF: Pensioner Education Supplement	2,072	-	279	279	17,194	< 20	2,945	1,187	797,820
FAM: Family Allowance (incl. AFP/BFP/DOP)	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FTB: Family Tax Benefit	8,269	23	254	277	41,186	34	4,840	1,394	2,166,310
MAA: Mature Age Allowance	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAT: Maternity Allowance	73	< 20	< 20	< 20	2,269	< 20	402	< 20	1,047
MIA: Maternity Immunisation Allowance	31	-	< 20	< 20	223	-	-	< 20	1,734
MOB: Mobility Allowance	32	-	< 20	< 20	916	-	-	< 20	412
NSA: Newstart Allowance	98,701	3,704	2,569	6,273	2,695,404	1,201	279,517	38,550	58,490,246
PPP: Parenting Payment Partnered	16,332	635	901	1,536	501,161	272	59,894	10,692	33,418,875
PPS: Parenting Payment Single	28,567	258	1,108	1,370	520,943	545	104,757	8,973	22,805,185
PTA: Partner Allowance	2,307	< 20	24	30	3,785	27	2,887	110	171,580
SKA: Sickness Allowance	956	36	37	73	25,504	< 20	30	422	920,838
SPL: Special Benefit	410	< 20	< 20	25	10,147	< 20	1,940	185	154,578
WDA: Widow Allowance	989	37	54	91	25,551	41	2,021	271	690,062
WFA: Wife Pension Age	123	< 20	< 20	27	5,741	< 20	3,647	26	119,008
WFD: Wife Pension DSP	156	< 20	25	26	2,736	< 20	1,102	59	424,150
WID: Widow B Pension	< 20	-	< 20	< 20	87	-	-	-	-
YSK: Youth Allowance Job Seeker	26,291	912	482	1,394	391,297	425	104,548	10,278	9,731,598
YTU: Youth Allowance Student	< 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
YTA: Youth Training Allowance	36,322	1,651	1,074	2,725	689,741	602	78,374	12,274	33,515,662
Grand Total	323,573	22,032	20,527	42,564	16,443,831	10,110	1,308,141	113,254	252,515,716