

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Income Management – matched savings payments

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

- a) How many people have received a \$500 matched savings payment? How many received smaller amounts? Provide a breakdown by Indigenous status and payment type.
- b) Since 2007 how many \$250 VIM incentive payment have been received? Indicate how many people have received 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. Provide a breakdown by Indigenous status and payment type and by state.

Answer:

- a) As at 7 September 2012, a total of 20 customers had received a Matched Savings Scheme Payment since its introduction, of which customers: *

<20	have received the maximum amount of \$500
<20	have received less than \$500
<20	are Indigenous

Payment Type	Total Customers
Parenting Payment Single	<20
Newstart Allowance	<20
Family Tax Benefit	<20
Carer Allowance	<20
Youth Allowance	<20

- b) Since 1 July 2010, 6,240 customers have received one or more Voluntary Income Management Incentive Payments (VIPs). [Note: Voluntary Income Management Incentive Payment commenced on 1 July 2010.]

* *In accordance with the protocol for the release of Social Security information, numbers less than 20 are not released publicly.*

State *

# VIPs	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	VIC	WA	Total
1	<20	1,098	<20	<20	<20	576	1,698
2	<20	616	<20	<20	<20	306	934
3	<20	2,356	<20	<20	<20	250	2,612
4	<20	878	<20	<20	<20	116	996
Total	<20	4,948	<20	27	<20	1,248	6,240

Payment type *

Payment Type	Number of VIPs Received				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Abstudy	22	<20	<20	<20	29
Age Pension	133	132	590	238	1,093
Baby Bonus**	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Carer Allowance	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Carer Payment	69	38	106	41	254
Disability Support Pension	795	561	1776	685	3,817
Family Tax Benefit**	<20	<20	<20	<20	28
GSR One-off Payment to the Aged	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Maternity Payment**	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Newstart Allowance	406	96	44	<20	555
Parenting Payment - Partnered	72	24	<20	<20	115
Parenting Payment - Single	134	53	34	<20	233
Partner Allowance	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Special Benefit	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Widow Allowance**	<20	<20	23	<20	40
Wife Pension Age	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Wife Pension DSP	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
Youth Allowance	39	<20	<20	<20	<20
TOTAL	1,698	934	2,612	996	6,240

** This data represents the customer's current payment type. There are Voluntary Incentive Payments identified in this data on non eligible payment types, as a result. The customer was on an eligible payment type when they received the Voluntary Incentive Payment.

Indigenous indicator

Number of VIPs	Indigenous Indicator (No)	Indigenous Indicator (Yes)	Grand Total
1	190	1,508	1,698
2	91	843	934
3	71	2,541	2,612
4	34	962	996
Total	386	5,854	6,240

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