

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Weekly Payments of Centrelink Benefits

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Question:

How many people are currently receiving weekly payments? Provide a breakdown use of weekly payment option and by payment type, vulnerability indicator and Indigenous status.

Answer:

As at 1 November 2013, there were 19,558 customers receiving weekly payments.

Table 1 shows the number of weekly payment customers by payment type and Indigenous status.

Table 1: Weekly payment customers by payment type and Indigenous status

	Non- Indigenous	Indigenous	Total
Payment Type			
Abstudy	4	67	71
Age Pension	339	85	424
Austudy	33		33
Carer Payment	360	87	447
Disability Support Pension	9,340	2,092	11,432
Newstart Allowance	3,154	657	3,811
Parenting Payment Partnered	71	20	91
Parenting Payment Single	385	129	514
Sickness Allowance	4	1	5
Special Benefit	34	7	41
Widow Allowance	11	5	16
Youth Allowance	2,278	395	2,673
Total	16,013	3,545	19,558

Table 2 shows the number of weekly payment customers by payment type, Indigenous status and who have a vulnerability indicator recorded.

Table 2: Weekly payment customers by payment type, Indigenous status and who have a vulnerability indicator recorded

	Non- Indigenous	Indigenous	Total
Payment Type			
Age Pension	4	2	6
Austudy	2		2
Carer Payment	20		20
Disability Support Pension	177	71	248
Newstart Allowance	1,313	309	1,622
Parenting Payment Partnered	3	1	4
Parenting Payment Single	18	6	24
Special Benefit	2	1	3
Youth Allowance	491	94	585
Total	2,030	484	2,514