

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Weekly Payment Breakdown

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Question:

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

Answer:

- a) As at 7 November 2014 there were 19,665 customers receiving weekly payments.
- b) Table 1 shows the breakdown of weekly payment customers by payment type, Indigenous status and vulnerability indicator status as at 7 November 2014.

Table 1

Payment name	Total customers on Weekly Payments	Total Indigenous customers on Weekly Payments	Total customers on Weekly Payments with a Vulnerability Indicator
Abstudy	65	65	7
Age Pension	545	116	3
Austudy	38	0	2
Carer Payment	520	112	22
Disability Support Pension	12,002	2,237	194
Newstart Allowance	3,334	587	1,303
Parenting Payment Partnered	91	19	4
Parenting Payment Single	553	137	10
Sickness Allowance	7	2	0
Special Benefit	37	6	0
Widow Allowance	16	4	0
Wife Pension Disability	1	0	0
Youth Allowance	2,456	390	0
Total	19,665	3,675	2,013