

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Debt Recovery

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Question:

Provide a breakdown by the number and amount of debts recovered in 2013-14:

- a) by payment type; and
- b) by Indigenous/non-Indigenous status.

Answer:

The following table provides a breakdown of the number and amount of debts recovered in 2013-14 by (a) payment type and (b) indigenous status indicator.

Payment Type	Non-indigenous		Indigenous	
	Number	Value (\$)	Number	Value (\$)
ABSTUDY	7,213*	1,130,320	130,255	7,049,093
Age Pension	472,411	76,944,172	5,817	570,019
Austudy	248,489	21,065,017	2,476	125,589
Carer Allowance	38,273	2,995,197	4,825	247,305
Carer Payment	196,282	21,425,378	21,024	1,556,850
Disability Support Pension	610,444	94,916,532	43,285	5,477,932
Family Tax Benefit (FAO reco. Only)	3,017,599	376,462,722	152,677	11,874,545
Family Tax Benefit (excluding FAO reco.)	426,392	42,128,418	73,182	6,156,992
Newstart Allowance	1,904,880	163,164,342	220,565	14,443,379
Parenting Payment Partnered	554,694	36,724,187	51,720	3,028,919
Parenting Payment Single	929,514	71,015,279	122,868	8,413,797
Youth Allowance (Jobseeker)	243,667	15,978,756	56,254	2,999,736
Youth Allowance (Student)	990,942	83,852,332	26,878	1,394,280
Other	774,942	191,415,433	31,524	3,523,103
Total	10,415,742	\$1,199,218,085	943,350	\$66,861,539

* While ABSTUDY customers are required to make a declaration of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent as part of the claim process, coding of the Indigenous Indicator on a customer record is a manual process. If this coding is omitted the ABSTUDY customer may not have an Indigenous Indicator coded on their record.