

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Unreasonable to Live At Home (UTLAH)

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Question:

- For 2013-14 how many Youth Allowance claims for UTLAH were lodged?
- How many of these UTLAH claims were rejected?
- Provide details of claims, and rejections by the following characteristics: age, gender, state and territory and Indigenous/non-Indigenous status
- Provide details of a breakdown of how many rejections were appealed, to each level of review and the outcome of the appeals.

Answer:

- In 2013-14, there were 32,652 claims lodged for the Unreasonable to Live at Home Allowance.
- In 2013-14, there were 10,522 claims for the Unreasonable to Live at Home Allowance rejected.
- The following tables provide a breakdown of Youth Allowance – Unreasonable To Live At Home claim data:

	AGE (years) at UTLAH assessment date*										Total
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Granted	155	4,133	4,890	4,644	3,768	2,725	1,813	<20	<20	<20	22,130
Rejected	63	1,105	1,449	2,880	2,223	1,631	1,159	<20	<20	<20	10,522
Total	218	5,238	6,339	7,524	5,991	4,356	2,972	<20	<20	<20	32,652

* Confidentiality Provision: All cells that have a value of less than 20, including zero, have been changed to display '<20'. This rule has been employed for privacy reasons. Where the total fields are included these will only have a value when it does not make it possible to work out the value of any '<20' fields.

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Granted	10,362	11,768	22,130
Rejected	4,775	5,747	10,522
Total	15,137	17,515	32,652

	State/Territory								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Granted	266	6,362	143	6,302	1,871	840	4,399	1,947	22,130
Rejected	126	3,108	83	2,738	998	369	2,146	954	10,522
Total	392	9,470	226	9,040	2,869	1,209	6,545	2,901	32,652

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
Granted	2,707	19,423	22,130
Rejected	1,043	9,479	10,522
Total	3,750	28,902	32,652

- d) The following tables provide a breakdown of how many rejections were appealed, to each level of review, and the outcome of the appeals:

Note: There will be a difference between the review applications received and the outcome of reviews in a financial year, e.g. a review application was received in May 2013 and the review was completed in October 2013.

Review Applications/Lodgements

Jurisdiction	Review Applications*
Internal Review Applications	553
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	25
Administrative Appeals Tribunal (customer applications)	<20

Review Outcomes

Jurisdiction	Review Outcomes*
Review Officer	544
Affirmed	215
No Jurisdiction	<20
Set Aside	240
Varied	<20
Withdrawn	58
Explained	21

Social Security Appeals Tribunal	27
Affirmed	<20
Did Not Attend	<20
Set Aside and Remitted	<20
Set Aside	<20
Withdrawn	<20

Administrative Appeals Tribunal (customer applications)	<20
Affirmed	<20
Withdrawn	<20