

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Compensation Preclusion Periods

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Question:

- a) In 2013-14, how many Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPPs) were applied?
- b) In 2013-14, how many and what proportion of CPPs were of a length of:
 - 1) less than a month;
 - 2) less than 3 months;
 - 3) 3-6 months;
 - 4) 6-9 months;
 - 5) 12 months;
 - 6) 24 months;
 - 7) 2-5 years;
 - 8) 6-10 years;
 - 9) 10 - 20 years; and
 - 10) over 20 years.
- c) In 2013-14, how many CPP's were appealed at each stage of appeal, and what was the outcome?
- d) In 2013-14:
 - 1) How many Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPP) were imposed?
 - 2) How many people are currently serving a CPP? Provide a breakdown showing the range of IMPs applied.
 - 3) Provide an age and gender breakdown of those currently serving a CPP.

Answer:

- (a) and (b) - The following table shows the number and duration for Compensation Preclusion Periods applied in 2013-14

Duration of CPP	Number of Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPP) applied	Proportion of Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPP) applied
< 30 Days	197	3.87%
30 - 90 Days	429	8.42%
> 3 - 6 Months	727	14.27%
> 6 - 9 Months	687	13.48%
> 9 - 12 Months	533	10.46%
> 12 - 24 Months	737	14.46%
> 2 - 5 Years	1,240	24.33%
> 5 - 10 Years	461	9.05%
> 10 - 20 Years	73	1.43%
> 20 Years	12	0.24%
Total	5,096	

Note: The percentages have been rounded to 2 decimal points. Using these rounded figures may result in discrepancies in individual calculations of the number of CPPs applied.

c) Details of 2013-14 Compensation Preclusion Periods appealed are provided below.

Jurisdiction	Appeal Decision Group	Total
Review Officer	Affirmed	399
	No Jurisdiction	12
	Set Aside	85
	Varied	66
	Withdrawn	106
	Explained	24
Review Officer Total		692
Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Affirmed	100
	Did Not Attend	1
	No Jurisdiction	2
	Set Aside and Remitted	8
	Set Aside	49
	Varied	5
	Withdrawn	7
Social Security Appeals Tribunal Total		172
Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Customer Appeal)	Affirmed	4
	Consent Decision - Set Aside	16
	Consent Decision - Varied	1
	Did Not Attend	3
	Set Aside	3
	Varied	3
	Withdrawn	5
Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Customer Appeal) Total		35
Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Secretary Appeal)	Remitted by Consent	1
	Set Aside	1
	Withdrawn	2
Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Secretary Appeal) Total		4
Grand Total		903

d) In 2013-14:

- 1) A total of 5,096 Compensation Preclusion Periods were imposed in 2013-14.
Note: Question (d) 1 was considered a duplicate question to that of (a) as the department recognises 'imposed' and 'applied' to have the same definition when defining the application of a Compensation Preclusion Period.
- 2) and 3) The following table shows the number of customers currently serving a Compensation Preclusion Period as at 31 October 2014, by age and gender.

Age Group	Number of customers serving a Compensation Preclusion Period as at 31 October 2014			
	Male	Female	Unstated Gender	Total
0 – 20 Years	150	101	0	251
21 - 30 Years	1,321	609	6	1,936
31 - 40 Years	2,679	989	4	3,672
41 - 50 Years	3,832	1,554	0	5,386
51 - 60 Years	3,406	1,613	0	5,019
>60 Years	1,575	533	0	2,108
Total	12,963	5,399	10	18,372

No information on Income Maintenance Periods (IMPs) has been provided, as IMPs are applied to income support payments where a customer cannot be paid due to receiving certain payments upon termination of their employment. IMPs are not applied to customers serving a Compensation Preclusion Period.