

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Young Mothers Program

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Question:

- a) How many young mothers in each of the 10 locations are part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce initiative during 2013-14?
- b) What have been the outcomes for parents' participation in these locations?
- c) How many parents have had their payment suspended under these arrangements?
- d) If appropriate, indicate how many families went without income support, and the period that they were without income support, and the numbers of children impacted.

Answer:

- a) Data by financial year is not available. The data is extracted on a cumulative basis from the date the Helping Young Parents programme commenced (on 1 January 2012). The number of parents who are eligible to attend a Helping Young Parents interview as at 27 June 2014 is as follows.

Local Government Area	Parents eligible for HYP interviews (as at 27 June 2014)
Bankstown (NSW)	63
Burnie (TAS)	47
Greater Shepparton (VIC)	70
Hume (VIC)	88
Kwinana (WA)	66
Logan (QLD)	525
Playford (SA)	324
Rockhampton (QLD)	195
Shellharbour (NSW)	75
Wyong (NSW)	145
Total	1,598

Note: a parent is eligible to attend a Helping Young Parents interview once they meet the eligibility criteria and have a child/ren aged between six months and six years.

- b) As at 27 June 2014, over 1,200 parents had a current Participation Plan which includes compulsory education, early childhood learning and development and parenting activities. Around 680 parents have exited the Helping Young Parents programme as they have obtained a Year 12 or equivalent qualification (Certificate II or above). Note: some parents may have achieved the Year 12 or equivalent qualification prior to commencing the Helping Young Parents programme.
- c) The number of income support suspensions for the period 1 January 2012 to 27 June 2014 is as follows:

Local Government Area	Parents eligible for HYP interviews (as at 27 June 2014)
Bankstown (NSW)	50
Burnie (TAS)	22
Greater Shepparton (VIC)	56
Hume (VIC)	55
Kwinana (WA)	39
Logan (QLD)	370
Playford (SA)	209
Rockhampton (QLD)	121
Shellharbour (NSW)	64
Wyong (NSW)	72
Total	1,058

- d) The preparation of a response to this question would involve a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources.