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Topic: Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA)

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Senator Moore asked:

Towards the end of 2013 the Government suspended TILA payments while a new delivery system was put in place. I understand TILA payments have now recommenced. Can you please provide a breakdown of the approved TILA claims, by state and territory and by federal electorate, since the payments have recommenced?

Answer:

The table below represents all approved TILA claims by state and territory from 1 January 2014 to 7 November 2014. A breakdown of data at the electorate level would require too significant a diversion of departmental resources.

| State* | TILA Claims | Total Amount Approved |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Vic** | 2 | \$3,000 |
| NSW | 104 | \$152,932 |
| Qld | 177 | \$246,076 |
| SA** | 1 | \$1,500 |
| WA | 23 | \$33,500 |
| ACT | 44 | \$66,000 |
| NT | 10 | \$15,000 |
| Tas | 44 | \$49,467 |
| Totals | 405 | \$567,475 |

* Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors have access to TILA through services provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), which has registered organisations for administering TILA in every jurisdiction.

**The Victorian and South Australian Memoranda of Understanding were finalised in November and December respectively.

The Department of Social Services has advised states and territories that TILA payments are able to be claimed retrospectively to ensure that no eligible young people will miss out due to jurisdictional delays.