

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 515

Topic: Vulnerable Welfare Recipients measure

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Senator Siewert asked:

For the Vulnerable Welfare Recipients measure:

- (a) How many people are currently under the Australia-wide?
- (b) Provide a breakdown by main reasons for being subject to income management (eg. homelessness, poor self-care, domestic violence, etc).
- (c) Provide a breakdown by type of income support received.
- (d) Provide an age breakdown? How many and what percentage are under 25 years of age?
- (e) How many are Indigenous/non Indigenous?

Answer:

- a) As at 29 August 2014, a total of 2,989 people were on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure.
- b) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by trigger as at 29 August 2014:

Trigger	
Unreasonable to live at home	2,207
Crisis payment	487
Special benefit	17
Social worker assessed*	278
Total	2,989

**Please note that any further breakdown of the Vulnerable Social Worker Assessed measure is too resource intensive as the data is sensitive and stored in a separate system.*

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- c) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by main income support payment as at 29 August 2014:

Main Income Support Payment	
Abstudy	<20
Age Pension	37
Carer Allowance	<20
Disability Support Pension	262
Newstart Allowance	372
Parenting Payment Partnered	<20
Parenting Payment Single	43
Special Benefit	<20
Youth Allowance	2,245
Total	2,989

- d) A total of 2,740 or 92 per cent of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure were aged 25 years or less.

Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by age as at 29 August 2014:

Age	
15 to 19 years	1,310
20 to 25 years	1,430
26 to 35 years	61
36 to 45 years	78
46 to 55 years	46
56 to 65 years	28
66 years and over	36
Total	2,989

- e) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by Indigenous status as at 29 August 2014:

Indigenous Status	
Non-Indigenous	1,959
Indigenous	1,030
Total	2,989