

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 559

Topic: Characteristics of Income Support recipients

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide an update to Question No. 606, Answers to Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings.

Answer:

Data on Disability Employment Services (DES) caseloads as at 10 November 2014 is provided in the tables below. Some information requested is unavailable or would require considerable diversion of resources to produce. In particular, providing DES data by electorate would require considerable diversion of resources and would not be accurate because service providers cross over electoral boundaries.

a) Age

Age Group	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Under 21	2,767	9,892	12,659
21 - 24	4,628	10,198	14,826
25 - 34	11,086	17,743	28,829
35 - 44	15,879	15,286	31,165
45 - 49	10,510	8,708	19,218
50 - 54	11,586	9,410	20,996
55 -64	20,467	16,441	36,908
Over 65	94	188	282
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

b) State

State	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NSW	24,415	27,310	51,725
VIC	21,645	22,994	44,639
QLD	15,931	20,061	35,992
SA	7,025	8,082	15,107
WA	4,625	6,096	10,721
TAS	2,541	1,922	4,463
ACT	466	1,157	1,623
NT	369	244	613
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

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d) Sex

Gender	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Male	40,742	50,747	91,489
Female	36,275	37,119	73,394
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status

Indigenous Ind	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Indigenous	3,295	4,683	7,978
Non indigenous	73,722	83,183	156,905
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

f) Disability/condition

Primary Health Condition	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Physical	45,190	26,920	72,110
Psychiatric	26,013	31,606	57,619
Intellectual	212	7,976	8,188
Specific Learning	716	6,041	6,757
Neurological	2,552	4,335	6,887
Autism	335	5,316	5,651
Hearing	780	2,060	2,840
Acquired Brain Injury	491	1,723	2,214
Vision	593	1,487	2,080
Speech	84	242	326
Deafblind	27	137	164
Unknown	24	23	47
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

Note: data is reported by Primary Health Condition recorded as at 10 November 2014, participants may have more than one type of disability or health condition.

g) Time in Programme

Time in Programme	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
6 Months or Less	35,415	33,812	69,227
7 - 12 Months	19,563	20,085	39,648
13- 18 Months	12,144	13,784	25,928
19 - 24 Months	7,081	9,885	16,966
25 - 36 Months	2,161	4,450	6,611
37 + Months	653	5,850	6,503
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h) Unemployment duration

Unemployment Duration	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Less than 1 year	21,930	28,571	50,501
1 - 2 years	18,515	17,698	36,213
2 - 3 years	12,551	11,133	23,684
3 years or more	24,021	30,464	54,485
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883

i) Payment type

Payment Type	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NewStart Allowance/Youth Allowance	66,675	49,038	115,713
Disability Support Pension	2,599	25,569	28,168
Parenting Payment Partnered/Single	1,218	757	1,975
Other Pension or Allowance	588	655	1,243
Non Allowee	5,937	11,847	17,784
Total	77,017	87,866	164,883