

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Compensation Preclusion Periods

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Question:

- a) In 2014-15, how many Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPPs) were applied?
- b) In 2014-15, 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 2014-15, how many CPP's were appealed at each stage of appeal, and what was the outcome?
- d) In 2014-15:
 - 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 CPP's applied.
- e) Provide an age, gender and Indigenous status breakdown of those currently service a CPP.
- f) Provide information on the range of CPP's being served?

Answer:

- (a) and (b) - The following table shows the number and duration for Compensation Preclusion Periods applied in 2014-15

| Duration of CPP | Number of Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPP) applied | Proportion of Compensation Preclusion Periods (CPP) applied |
|------------------------|--|--|
| < 30 Days | 199 | 3.78% |
| 30 - 90 Days | 424 | 8.06% |
| > 3 - 6 Months | 834 | 15.85% |
| > 6 - 9 Months | 841 | 15.99% |
| > 9 - 12 Months | 591 | 11.23% |
| > 12 - 24 Months | 769 | 14.62% |
| > 2 - 5 Years | 1,115 | 21.19% |
| > 5 - 10 Years | 421 | 8.00% |
| > 10 - 20 Years | 59 | 1.12% |
| > 20 Years | 8 | 0.15% |
| Total | 5,261 | |

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 2014-15 Compensation Preclusion Periods appeals are provided below.

| Jurisdiction | Appeal Decision Group | Total |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|
| DHS Review Officer | Affirmed | 327 |
| | Dismissed/ No Jurisdiction | 5 |
| | Set Aside | 83 |
| | Varied | 64 |
| | Withdrawn | 103 |
| Review Officer Total | | 582 |
| Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) – First review (Customer Appeal) | Affirmed | 69 |
| | Dismissed/ No Jurisdiction | 4 |
| | Set Aside | 29 |
| | Varied | 3 |
| | Withdrawn | 8 |
| | Settled/Decision by Consent | 0 |
| | Awaiting Decision | 3 |
| AAT First Review Total | | 116 |
| Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) – Second review (Customer Appeal) | Affirmed | 4 |
| | Dismissed/ No Jurisdiction | 1 |
| | Set Aside | 2 |
| | Varied | 4 |
| | Withdrawn | 6 |
| | Settled/Decision by Consent | 4 |
| | Awaiting Decision | 6 |
| AAT Second Review Total | | 27 |
| Grand Total | | 725 |

d) In 2014-15:

1) A total of 5,261 Compensation Preclusion Periods were imposed in 2014-15

Please 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) See (e) below.

- e) The following table shows the number of customers currently serving a Compensation Preclusion Period as at 31 October 2014, by age, gender and Indigenous status.

| Number of customers serving a Compensation Preclusion Period as at 31 October 2015 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Indigenous indicator | Age Group | Male | Female | Unstated Gender | Total |
| Y | 0 - 20 Years | 6 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Y | 21 - 30 Years | 53 | 19 | 0 | 72 |
| Y | 31 - 40 Years | 75 | 30 | 0 | 105 |
| Y | 41 - 50 Years | 92 | 43 | 0 | 135 |
| Y | 51 - 60 Years | 56 | 28 | 0 | 84 |
| Y | >60 Years | 15 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Indigenous Total | | 297 | 126 | 0 | 423 |
| N | 0 - 20 Years | 151 | 89 | 0 | 240 |
| N | 21 - 30 Years | 1,160 | 581 | 3 | 1,744 |
| N | 31 - 40 Years | 2,561 | 928 | 5 | 3,494 |
| N | 41 - 50 Years | 3,805 | 1,489 | 0 | 5,294 |
| N | 51 - 60 Years | 3,507 | 1,555 | 0 | 5,062 |
| N | >60 Years | 1,619 | 530 | 0 | 2,149 |
| Non-Indigenous Total | | 12,803 | 5,172 | 8 | 17,983 |
| Grand Total | | 13,100 | 5,298 | 8 | 18,406 |

Note: The above statistics are for the customers with a CPP that has an end date on or after 31 October 2015.

- f) The above responses provide the available range of Compensation Preclusions Periods data.