

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Department of Human Services

Topic: Social Security Appeals Tribunal and Administrative Appeals Data

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Question:

- a) Provide a breakdown of applications at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in each state and territory by
 - 1) National, and State and Territory,
 - 2) Metropolitan, regional, outer-regional and remote location.
- b) How many Indigenous clients lodged a social security appeal at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 2014-15?

Answer:

- a) 1) The table below represents the number of applications made at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSA) and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) by State, Territory and the National number of applications.

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown*	Total
SSAT	107	4,221	96	2,299	1,191	260	3,143	908	64	12,289
AAT	12	757	19	337	205	31	565	131	17	2,074
Total	119	4,978	115	2,636	1,396	291	3,708	1,039	81	14,363

*These appeals cannot be identified by State or Territory because the customer's address information was not correctly identified, either due to the customer ceasing payment, or due to technical difficulties with the address field as at the date of data extraction.

- 2) The table below represents the number of applications made at the SSAT and AAT by metropolitan, regional, outer-regional and remote locations.

	Major Cities of Australia	Inner Regional Australia	Outer-Regional Australia	Remote Australia	Very Remote Australia	Unable to Classify*	Total
SSAT	8,614	2,267	1,035	142	37	194	12,289
AAT	1,475	361	165	22	10	41	2,074
Total	10,089	2,628	1,200	164	47	235	14,363

*The 'Unable to Classify' category includes customers having an overseas address or invalid address as at the date of data extraction.

- b) Of those who self-identified, fifty nine Indigenous clients lodged a social security appeal at the AAT in 2014-15.