

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities**

**Question No: SQ15-000889**

**Topic: Vulnerable Welfare Recipients measure**

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**Senator Rachel 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 28 August 2015, a total of 2,961 people were on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure Australia wide.
- b) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by trigger as at 28 August 2015

<b>Trigger</b>	
Unreasonable to Live at Home	2,169
Crisis Payment	512
Special Benefit	14
Social Worker Assessed*	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,961</b>

*\* Due to the DHS ICT system method of storing sensitive social worker information, a more detailed breakdown of recipient details under the Vulnerable Social Worker Assessed measure is unavailable, as the data extraction would require a significant diversion of Departmental resources.*

- c) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by main income support payment type as at 28 August 2015

<b>Main Income Support Payment</b>	
Abstudy	<5
Age Pension	37
Carers Allowance	12
Disability Support Pension	228
Newstart Allowance	400
Parenting Payment Partnered	12
Parenting Payment Single	43
Special Benefit	n/p
Youth Allowance	2,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,961</b>

- d) A total of 2,719 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 28 August 2015

<b>Age</b>	
15 to 19 years	1,247
20 to 25 years	1,472
26 to 35 years	57
36 to 45 years	76
46 to 55 years	42
56 to 65 years	32
66 years and over	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,961</b>

- e) Number of people on the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient Measure by Indigenous status as at 28 August 2015

<b>Indigenous Status</b>	
Non-Indigenous	1,903
Indigenous	1,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,961</b>