

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances and Concession**

**Question No: SQ15-000892**

**Topic: Matched Savings Account**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

- How many people have qualified for the \$500 “matched savings bonus”?
- How many non-Indigenous people have qualified for the \$500 “matched savings bonus”?
- How much funding has been set aside for the “matched savings account“ for people in place-based income management locations?
- How many people have exited income management in each of the five sites ‘place-based’ trial in 2014-15?

**Answer:**

- a) As at 28 August 2015, a total of 69 people have been granted the matched savings payment.
- b) As at 28 August 2015, a total of 59 non-Indigenous people have been granted the matched savings payment.
- c) A consolidated appropriation of \$5,909 has been set aside for the Matched Savings Payment for all income management sites for the 2015/16 financial year.
- d) Number of people who have exited income management in the place-based income management sites in 2014-15\*

<b>State</b>	<b>Income Management Area</b>	<b>Income Management Exits in 2014/2015</b>
<b>QLD</b>	Greater Brisbane (Logan)	839
	Rockhampton	241
	<b>QLD Total</b>	<b>1,080</b>
<b>SA</b>	Greater Adelaide (Playford)	444
	<b>SA Total</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>VIC</b>	Shepparton	144
	<b>VIC Total</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>NSW</b>	Greater Sydney (Bankstown)	215
	<b>NSW Total</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,883</b>

*\*This data is point in time and the figures do not recognise people who have exited income management and subsequently gone back on another income management measure. These figures only include exits from measures available in the place-based sites, including the Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient measure, Voluntary Income Management and Child Protection Income Management.*

*Any variance from data reported prior to 28 August 2015 is due to a change in reporting method for the income management programme to conform to the Australian Statistical Geography Standard.*