

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000984

Topic: Newstart Allowance

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

a) Provide details of the numbers of Newstart Allowance recipients with and without earnings using the following categories:

- 1) Newstart Allowance;
- 2) Newstart Allowance (Principal Carer); and
- 3) Newstart Allowance (Partial Capacity To Work).

b) Provide a breakdown of the three categories listed above by Aboriginal and Torres Strait island descent and gender.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Newstart Allowance recipients as at June 2015 according to the breakdown requested.

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Attachment A

Newstart Allowance recipients by Indigenous indicator, gender and earnings			
Indigenous Indicator	Gender	With Earnings	No Earnings
Indigenous	Female	4,031	25,123
Indigenous	Male	2,852	38,125
Non Indigenous	Female	96,045	224,885
Non Indigenous	Male	51,089	306,569
Total		154,017	594,702

Newstart Allowance principal carer recipients by Indigenous indicator, gender and earnings			
Indigenous Indicator	Gender	With Earnings	No Earnings
Indigenous	Female	1,975	7,141
Indigenous	Male	142	1,151
Non Indigenous	Female	43,780	55,837
Non Indigenous	Male	2,621	8,483
Total		48,518	72,612

Newstart Allowance recipients with a partial capacity to work by Indigenous indicator, gender and earnings			
Indigenous Indicator	Gender	With Earnings	No Earnings
Indigenous	Female	311	3,755
Indigenous	Male	222	4,187
Non Indigenous	Female	10,959	61,944
Non Indigenous	Male	7,658	69,784
Total		19,150	139,670

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Blue Book dataset)