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Topic: Welfare Payments Reform

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What proportion of income support payments for people in special circumstances are for those experiencing domestic violence?

Answer:

Crisis Payment is a one-off payment available to income support recipients who are in severe financial hardship and who have experienced an extreme circumstance such as domestic violence or release from prison.

There were 70,666 Crisis Payments paid in 2015-16. Of these, 16,497 (23 per cent), were paid to people who experienced domestic violence.