

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000489

Senator Rachel Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EM1663_15

Question

Centrelink vulnerability indicators

Provide a breakdown of the number and payment type of current Centrelink customers with known 'vulnerability indicators' (indicating where multiple indicators are present).

Answer

The table below provides a breakdown of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Special Benefit recipients, with mutual obligation requirements, who have either one, or two or more, Vulnerability Indicators (VI).

Number of VIs	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance	Parenting Payment Single	Special Benefit	Total
1	74549	7718	1849	34	84150
2+	20984	1508	362	<20	*
Total	95533	9226	2211	*	*

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract) as at 25 September 2015.

Note:

1. Job seekers are only counted once.
2. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20".
3. To further protect the privacy of individuals, totals that can assist with identifying individuals have been replaced with *.