

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties

**Senator:** Senator Rachel Siewert

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**Question:**

In the six months to 1 July 2015, and the period since (or the most appropriate period that relevant data is available)

In dollars, how much income support was withheld from RJCP/CDP participants over this period?

**Answer:**

The Department of Human Services has advised that these data are not readily obtainable and would require a detailed review and analysis of individual job seeker records. The Department of Human Services considers this would represent an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. The Department will undertake an analysis of compliance data as part of the scheduled evaluation of the CDP due by the end of 2016. A copy of the data or analysis will be made available to the Committee at this time.