

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Question No. SBE15/050

Senator McKim asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

In 2014/15:

- a. How many people prosecuted for social security-fraud related offences were convicted?
- b. What was the average financial amount involved?
- c. Of those convicted, please provide a breakdown by:
 - i. Gender
 - ii. Age
 - iii. State and Territory of those prosecuted

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a. In 2014-15, a total of 887 defendants prosecuted by the CDPP for Social Security fraud were convicted.
- b. The average fraud amount involved was \$21,146.87.
*Social Security fraud prosecutions are defined as those matter referred to the CDPP by the Centrelink or sourced from Centrelink.
- c.

i. Conviction breakdown by Gender

Gender	2014-15
Female	557
Male	329
Unknown	1
Total	887

ii. Conviction breakdown by Age

Age (years)	2014-15
Less than 20	0
20-29	137
30-39	308
40-49	248
50-59	131
60-69	51
70 years or over	12
Total	887

iii. Conviction breakdown by State/Territory of those prosecuted

State/Territory	2014-15
NSW	151

Vic.	227
Qld.	301
WA	72
SA	81
Tas.	36
NT	14
ACT	5
Total	887