

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 76

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Please provide data on the number of clients with income over \$50,000 accessing FDR at FRCs and how this breaks down across:

- a. FRCs
- b. Regions/communities
- c. Gender of clients

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

- a. It is estimated that around 32% of clients accessing family dispute resolution at FRCs will have incomes in excess of the \$50,000 threshold from 1 July 2011.

The below table, based on the most recent and up to date client income data for funded post separation services, including FRCs, was used as the basis for future projected client income.

Weekly Earnings	All FRSP Post Separation Services 07-08 - clients		All Persons 2006		
	#	% cum %	#	%	cum %
\$1 - \$149 (\$1 - \$7,750 pa)	5.6	5.6	1,103,114	8.3	8.3
\$150 - \$249 (\$12,950 pa)	14.3	19.9	2,220,040	16.6	24.9
\$250 - \$399 (\$20,750 pa)	13.9	33.8	2,063,609	15.4	40.3
\$400 - \$599 (\$31,150 pa)	18.6	52.4	2,171,005	16.2	56.6
\$600 - \$799 (\$41,550 pa)	15.5	67.9	1,692,280	12.7	69.2
\$800 - \$999 (\$51,950 pa)	9.9	77.7	1,257,554	9.4	78.6
\$1,000 - \$1,299 (\$67,550 pa)	10.8	88.5	1,230,052	9.2	87.9
\$1,300 - \$1,599 (\$83,150 pa)	4.8	93.4	675,683	5.1	92.9
\$1,600 - \$1,999 (\$103,950 pa)	3.4	96.8	395,588	3.0	95.9
\$2,000 or more (\$104,000 pa)	3.2	100.0	551,747	4.1	100.0
			13,360,672		

**Weekly Earnings (15 years and above) – FRSP Post Separation Services (source FRSP online 2007-08)
All Persons (source ABS Census 2006)**

b/c. Breakdown of FRC clients by regions/communities or by gender is currently not available. Before deciding on the funding allocations for individual FRCs the Government will have regard to the capacity of each FRC to recover funds through charging fees for FDR.