

Telephony Report 2017–18 (as at 31 December 2017)

	Successful	Answered	Abandoned	Average Speed of Answer (mm:ss)	Busy Signal
Centrelink (Social Security and Welfare)	15,419,400	9,393,512	2,634,955	15:48	27,819,431
Disabilities, Sickness and Carers <i>Calls are associated with Disability Support Pension, Mobility Allowance and Sickness Allowance.</i>	989,740	633,987	185,559	24:04	4,823,714
Employment Services <i>Calls are associated with Newstart Allowance, Exceptional Circumstances Relief Help, Special Benefit and Employment Services Providers.</i>	818,772	637,413	257,041	31:05	8,012,192
Families and Parenting <i>Calls are associated with Child Care Benefit, Dad and Partner Pay, Double Orphan Pension, Family Tax Benefit, Parental Leave Pay and Parenting Payment.</i>	2,266,287	1,721,914	578,239	22:32	11,077,286
Older Australians <i>Calls are associated with Age Pension, Bereavement assistance, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Widow B Pension and Wife Pension.</i>	788,055	365,031	193,166	25:34	664,071
Youth and Students <i>Calls are associated with Austudy, Low Income Health Care Card, Pensioner Education, Supplement and Youth Allowance.</i>	623,347	431,626	169,625	33:36	3,228,983
Participation <i>Calls are associated with activity tested recipients who may not have met obligations. Primarily recipients are required to actively participate in approved activities. This line differs from the Employment Services line as its purpose is for compliance discussions with recipients.</i>	-	384,537	177,510	31:13	-
Other	9,933,193	5,219,004	1,073,815	7:24	13,185
- Income Management (Income Management and BasicsCard enquiry, BasicsCard balance enquiry) <i>Calls are associated with Income Management, BasicsCard enquiries and BasicsCard balance enquiry.</i>	2,537,923	1,286,380	228,566	3:19	-

NOTE:

- The 'Other' queue is made up of several telephone lines including: Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment, Income Management (including Basics Card), myGov, Emergency response, NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency), APIS (Australian Passport Information Service), International Services and Multilingual services.
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Centrelink (Social Security and Welfare)	35,059,555	21,331,638	6,827,866	15:44	55,315,403
Disabilities, Sickness and Carers <i>Calls are associated with Disability Support Pension, Mobility Allowance and Sickness Allowance.</i>	2,235,203	1,551,474	619,939	28:17	11,721,875
Employment Services <i>Calls are associated with Newstart Allowance, Exceptional Circumstances Relief Help, Special Benefit and Employment Services Providers.</i>	2,065,089	1,658,543	759,541	30:21	14,264,131
Families and Parenting <i>Calls are associated with Child Care Benefit, Dad and Partner Pay, Double Orphan Pension, Family Tax Benefit, Parental Leave Pay and Parenting Payment.</i>	5,929,710	4,907,406	1,347,503	16:19	19,490,021
Older Australians <i>Calls are associated with Age Pension, Bereavement assistance, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Widow B Pension and Wife Pension.</i>	2,041,902	1,077,386	494,547	18:59	812,827
Youth and Students <i>Calls are associated with Austudy, Low Income Health Care Card, Pensioner Education, Supplement and Youth Allowance.</i>	1,299,457	1,059,119	435,271	31:15	8,957,407
Participation <i>Calls are associated with activity tested recipients who may not have met obligations. Primarily recipients are required to actively participate in approved activities. This line differs from the Employment Services line as its purpose is for compliance discussions with recipients.</i>	-	723,813	461,780	36:00	-
Other	21,488,194	10,353,897	2,709,285	7:53	69,142
- Income Management (Income Management and BasicsCard enquiry, BasicsCard balance enquiry)	5,795,616	2,406,511	849,825	8:30	-
- Calls are associated with Income Management, BasicsCard enquiries and BasicsCard balance enquiry.					

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