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Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing to alert the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee to additional income support information now available in the quarterly DSS Demographics report, published at [data.gov.au](http://data.gov.au).

In addition to the variety of demographic and geographic breakdowns already in the dataset, from December 2021, the report includes information on:

- homeownership status and the types of rental accommodation of income support recipients.
- Family Tax Benefit recipients and children by income support payment status and payment type.
- Age Pension recipients by state and expanded age groups.
- recipients of JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (other) by work capacity and demographics such as gender, age group, Indigenous status, remoteness area and medical condition for recipients with a partial capacity to work; and
- the proportion of recipients of Commonwealth Rent Assistance receiving the maximum rate of the payment.

The department also continues to publish the “JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance - monthly profile” report on [data.gov.au](http://data.gov.au). The report includes JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (other) recipients broken down by demographics such as age, gender, state, earnings and Statistical Area Level 2.

As the Committee maintains an interest in data pertaining to income support, I wanted to draw the enhanced dataset to your attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'mflavel'.

Matt Flavel  
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