



Australian Government
Services Australia

Senator Wendy Askew
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Askew

**Clarification of answer given at 2020-21 Budget Estimates Hearing on
29 October 2020.**

I write to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of Services Australia relating to Outcome 1.

In answering a question from Senator Siewert in relation to people receiving a Social Security payment and identified by an employer as being eligible for the JobKeeper payment (page 98 of the transcript) I said; "The 135,000 includes those people who might have been on a nil rate of payment. That's right. It's inclusive of all who were flagged in the data exchange as being eligible for the JobKeeper payment".

I would like to advise that the 135,000 figure does not include customers who are on nil rate of income support. If nil rate and suspended customers were included in this cohort the total population, as at 30 September 2020, would be approximately 204,000.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Lees'.

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