

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM SENATOR RICE

Social Services Portfolio Department of Social Services 2023-24 Supplementary Budget Estimates

Question 1: The total number of social security recipients on income support for two or more years broken down payment type and the following:

- a. Age
- b. Gender
- c. Duration of income support
- d. State/Territory
- e. Partial Capacity to Work
- f. Principal carer Status
- g. Indigenous status

Answer: Refer to Tables 1 to 7 at Attachment A.

Question 2: Total number of social security recipients broken down by payment type and as by criteria listed in (1) on income support for less than a year and between one and two years as at June 2020 and their status in the latest available data.

- a. Total number of social security recipients broken down by payment type and as by criteria listed in (1) as at December 2021 and their status one year later

Answer: Preparation of this data is not achievable by the Senate Estimates hearing time.

Question 3: Please provide the following information regarding the Targeted Compliance Framework (TCF) and DES participants:

- a. Number of payment suspensions by demographic group and program (as per compliance data on demerit counts referred to below) for each month from December 2020 to the present Number of individuals subject to payment suspensions (broken down as above)
- b. Number of payment suspensions broken down by type of participation failure, by program, for each month from December 2020 to the present
- c. Number of payment suspensions leading to a payment delay or cancellation, broken down as in (3)
- d. Demerit and penalty counts by stage of the TCF, demographic group and program (as per data previously provided), including capability review and penalties data, for each month from December 2020 number of payment on hold messages and conversion to payment suspensions broken down as in (3) above).

Answer:

a., b. and c. The data requested has been provided (in a slightly different format) in the response to DSS QoN SQ23-000396 covering the period December 2020 to May 2023. Preparation of data for more recent months is in train but has not been possible to complete by the Senate Estimates hearing time.

d. Demerit and penalty counts by stage of the TCF, demographic group and program (as per data previously provided), including capability review and penalties data, for each month from December 2020' data up to 31 September 2023 is publicly available on the data.gov.au website, from the 'Disability Employment Services Targeted Compliance Framework' page ([Disability Employment Services Targeted Compliance Framework | Datasets | data.gov.au - beta](#)).

Information about the number of payment on hold messages and conversion to payment suspensions will be included in a response to 3a, 3b, and 3c.

Question 4: Total number of social security recipients on income support for 2 years or more at the latest available date, broken down by per payment type:

- a. Age (Under 25, 25-34, 35-54, 55+ years)
- b. Gender
- c. Duration of income support (1-2 years, 2-5 years, 5 years +)
- d. State/Territory
- e. Partial work capacity
- f. Principal Carer Status

Answer: Refer to answer at Question 1.

Question 5: Number of recipients of each social security payment type by employment earnings for FY 2023-24, 2023-22, 2022-21, 2021-22.

Answer: Refer to DSS Income Support Recipients – Monthly Time Series published on [data.gov.au](#) (<https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-income-support-recipients-monthly-time-series>). This publication provides a monthly time series from January 2012 reporting the number of recipients of each Income Support payment by employment earnings.

Question 6: Number of people who have transitioned to enhanced Income Management since its introduction broken down by:

- a. Area
- b. Indigenous status
- c. Payment type.

Answer: Refer to Australian Government Income Management Program - Income Management Data Summary published on [data.gov.au](#) published on data.gov.au ([Australian Government Income Management Program - Income Management Data Summary - October 2023 - data.gov.au](#))

Table 1: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Age Group.
As at 29/09/2023

| ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 115 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 565 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 555 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 395 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 125 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 90 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 40 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 5 |
| Total | 1,890 |

| Age Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 0 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 0 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 0 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 0 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 0 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 0 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 2,304,435 |
| Total | 2,304,435 |

| Austudy | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 0 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 0 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 6,340 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 2,515 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 1,365 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 520 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 60 |
| Total | 10,800 |

Table 1: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Age Group
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Carer Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 650 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 3,975 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 24,845 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 46,770 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 61,145 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 72,755 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 58,710 |
| Total | 268,845 |

| Disability Support Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 10,155 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 27,220 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 79,565 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 94,645 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 151,445 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 238,980 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 130,015 |
| Total | 732,025 |

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 0 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 30,110 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 80,030 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 76,985 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 102,435 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 129,445 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 33,245 |
| Total | 452,255 |

Table 1: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Age Group
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Parenting Payment Partnered | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 490 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 3,520 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 19,220 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 14,375 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 1,840 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 340 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 45 |
| Total | 39,825 |

| Parenting Payment Single | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 2,985 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 18,565 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 95,170 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 78,305 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 25,655 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 3,655 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 375 |
| Total | 224,710 |

| Special Benefit | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 270 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 25 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 55 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 425 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 510 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 345 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 225 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 1,695 |
| Total | 3,550 |

Table 1: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Age Group
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 11,120 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 8,780 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 0 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 0 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 0 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 0 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 0 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 0 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 9,370 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 30,250 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 6,870 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 0 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 0 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 0 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 0 |
| Total | 46,495 |

| Total – All Payments | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aged Under 16 years | 385 |
| Aged 16-20 years | 35,365 |
| Aged 21-24 years | 123,025 |
| Aged 25-34 years | 312,860 |
| Aged 35-44 years | 314,225 |
| Aged 45-54 years | 344,320 |
| Aged 55-64 years | 445,965 |
| Aged 65 years and over | 2,528,580 |
| Total | 4,104,725 |

Table 2: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Gender.
As at 29/09/2023

| ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 1,080 |
| Male | 810 |
| Total | 1,890 |

| Age Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 1,287,625 |
| Male | 1,016,805 |
| Total | 2,304,435 |

| Austudy | Total 2 years+ |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 5,985 |
| Male | 4,815 |
| Total | 10,800 |

| Carer Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 192,615 |
| Male | 76,230 |
| Total | 268,845 |

| Disability Support Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 345,735 |
| Male | 386,290 |
| Total | 732,025 |

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 231,000 |
| Male | 221,250 |
| Total | 452,255 |

Table 2: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Gender (cont.).
As at 29/09/2023

| Parenting Payment Partnered | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 36,480 |
| Male | 3,345 |
| Total | 39,825 |

| Parenting Payment Single | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 213,040 |
| Male | 11,670 |
| Total | 224,710 |

| Special Benefit | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 2,035 |
| Male | 1,515 |
| Total | 3,550 |

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 10,670 |
| Male | 9,230 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Female | 27,480 |
| Male | 19,010 |
| Total | 46,495 |

| Total – All Payments | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Female | 2,353,750 |
| Male | 1,750,975 |
| Total | 4,104,725 |

Table 3: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Duration.
As at 29/09/2023

| ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 1,690 |
| 5 years+ | 195 |
| Total | 1,890 |

| Age Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 385,150 |
| 5 years+ | 1,919,285 |
| Total | 2,304,435 |

| Austudy | Total 2 years+ |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 7,820 |
| 5 years+ | 2,985 |
| Total | 10,800 |

| Carer Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 52,770 |
| 5 years+ | 216,075 |
| Total | 268,845 |

| Disability Support Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 69,625 |
| 5 years+ | 662,405 |
| Total | 732,025 |

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 187,315 |
| 5 years+ | 264,940 |
| Total | 452,255 |

Table 3: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Duration (cont.).
As at 29/09/2023

| Parenting Payment Partnered | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 20,560 |
| 5 years+ | 19,265 |
| Total | 39,825 |

| Parenting Payment Single | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 79,460 |
| 5 years+ | 145,250 |
| Total | 224,710 |

| Special Benefit | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 2,280 |
| 5 years+ | 1,270 |
| Total | 3,550 |

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 19,190 |
| 5 years+ | 705 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 42,455 |
| 5 years+ | 4,040 |
| Total | 46,495 |

| Total – All Payments | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-<5 years | 868,315 |
| 5 years+ | 3,236,410 |
| Total | 4,104,725 |

Table 4: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by State/Territory.
As at 29/09/2023

| ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 20 |
| New South Wales | 545 |
| Northern Territory | 40 |
| Queensland | 695 |
| South Australia | 140 |
| Tasmania | 45 |
| Victoria | 180 |
| Western Australia | 220 |
| Unknown | 5 |
| Total | 1,890 |

| Age Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 22,350 |
| New South Wales | 708,915 |
| Northern Territory | 9,060 |
| Queensland | 464,805 |
| South Australia | 196,640 |
| Tasmania | 64,825 |
| Victoria | 542,195 |
| Western Australia | 218,545 |
| Unknown | 77,095 |
| Total | 2,304,435 |

| Austudy | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 150 |
| New South Wales | 2,810 |
| Northern Territory | 50 |
| Queensland | 2,585 |
| South Australia | 965 |
| Tasmania | 280 |
| Victoria | 2,880 |
| Western Australia | 1,075 |
| Unknown | 5 |
| Total | 10,800 |

Table 4: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by State/Territory
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Carer Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 1,575 |
| New South Wales | 97,835 |
| Northern Territory | 1,665 |
| Queensland | 54,785 |
| South Australia | 21,765 |
| Tasmania | 8,465 |
| Victoria | 65,110 |
| Western Australia | 17,455 |
| Unknown | 185 |
| Total | 268,845 |

| Disability Support Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 8,250 |
| New South Wales | 227,675 |
| Northern Territory | 7,825 |
| Queensland | 158,655 |
| South Australia | 63,965 |
| Tasmania | 26,540 |
| Victoria | 177,405 |
| Western Australia | 56,340 |
| Unknown | 5,370 |
| Total | 732,025 |

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 3,625 |
| New South Wales | 131,650 |
| Northern Territory | 12,285 |
| Queensland | 96,765 |
| South Australia | 43,550 |
| Tasmania | 13,710 |
| Victoria | 101,625 |
| Western Australia | 48,975 |
| Unknown | 65 |
| Total | 452,255 |

Table 4: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by State/Territory
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Parenting Payment Partnered | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 245 |
| New South Wales | 12,335 |
| Northern Territory | 1,735 |
| Queensland | 8,020 |
| South Australia | 3,130 |
| Tasmania | 960 |
| Victoria | 9,670 |
| Western Australia | 3,720 |
| Unknown | 15 |
| Total | 39,825 |

| Parenting Payment Single | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 1,925 |
| New South Wales | 66,675 |
| Northern Territory | 4,325 |
| Queensland | 57,640 |
| South Australia | 16,915 |
| Tasmania | 6,495 |
| Victoria | 44,555 |
| Western Australia | 26,165 |
| Unknown | 10 |
| Total | 224,710 |

| Special Benefit | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 45 |
| New South Wales | 1,615 |
| Northern Territory | 10 |
| Queensland | 395 |
| South Australia | 215 |
| Tasmania | 10 |
| Victoria | 1,060 |
| Western Australia | 200 |
| Unknown | 5 |
| Total | 3,550 |

Table 4: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by State/Territory
(cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 160 |
| New South Wales | 5,330 |
| Northern Territory | 890 |
| Queensland | 5,240 |
| South Australia | 1,885 |
| Tasmania | 795 |
| Victoria | 3,170 |
| Western Australia | 2,425 |
| Unknown | 5 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 895 |
| New South Wales | 14,810 |
| Northern Territory | 90 |
| Queensland | 8,520 |
| South Australia | 4,065 |
| Tasmania | 795 |
| Victoria | 13,445 |
| Western Australia | 3,725 |
| Unknown | 140 |
| Total | 46,495 |

| Total – All Payments | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 39,245 |
| New South Wales | 1,270,195 |
| Northern Territory | 37,975 |
| Queensland | 858,110 |
| South Australia | 353,240 |
| Tasmania | 122,920 |
| Victoria | 961,295 |
| Western Australia | 378,845 |
| Unknown | 82,895 |
| Total | 4,104,725 |

Table 5: Activity Tested Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Partial Capacity to Work.

As at 29/09/2023

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Work capacity of 30 hours plus per week | 198,095 |
| Partial capacity to work | 254,160 |
| Total | 452,255 |

| Parenting Payment Single - activity tested | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Work capacity of 30 hours plus per week | 74,260 |
| Partial capacity to work | 17,040 |
| Total | 91,300 |

| Special Benefit - activity tested | Total 2 years+ |
|--|-----------------------|
| Work capacity of 30 hours plus per week | 805 |
| Partial capacity to work | 610 |
| Total | 1,415 |

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Work capacity of 30 hours plus per week | 14,945 |
| Partial capacity to work | 4,955 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Total – All Activity Tested | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Work capacity of 30 hours plus per week | 288,105 |
| Partial capacity to work | 276,760 |
| Total | 564,865 |

Table 6: JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (other) Recipients - Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Principal Carer Status.

As at 29/09/2023

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Principal Carer | 31,310 |
| Not a Principal Carer | 420,945 |
| Total | 452,255 |

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Principal Carer | 25 |
| Not a Principal Carer | 19,875 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Total – All JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--|-----------------------|
| Principal Carer | 31,335 |
| Not a Principal Carer | 440,820 |
| Total | 472,150 |

Table 7: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Indigenous Status.

As at 29/09/2023

| ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | n/a |
| Not Identified Indigenous | n/a |
| Total | 1,890 |

| Age Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 22,190 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 2,282,245 |
| Total | 2,304,435 |

| Austudy | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 85 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 10,715 |
| Total | 10,800 |

| Carer Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 18,655 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 250,190 |
| Total | 268,845 |

| Disability Support Pension | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 56,845 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 675,180 |
| Total | 732,025 |

| JobSeeker Payment | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 61,000 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 391,255 |
| Total | 452,255 |

Table 7: Income Support Recipients with Duration on Income Support of Two or More Years* by Indigenous Status (cont).

As at 29/09/2023

| Parenting Payment Partnered | Total 2 years+ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 5,090 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 34,735 |
| Total | 39,825 |

| Parenting Payment Single | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 41,925 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 182,785 |
| Total | 224,710 |

| Special Benefit | Total 2 years+ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 30 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 3,520 |
| Total | 3,550 |

| Youth Allowance (other) | Total 2 years+ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 6,140 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 13,760 |
| Total | 19,900 |

| Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) | Total 2 years+ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 475 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 46,020 |
| Total | 46,495 |

| Total – All Payments | Total 2 years+ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Indigenous | 212,430 |
| Not Identified Indigenous | 3,890,400 |
| Total | 4,104,725 |

Notes for Tables 1 to 7

Includes, as at 29 September 2023, recipients of the reported income support payments who are determined to be current (including those entitled to be paid or in receipt of zero rate of payment) or suspended from payment on the Centrelink payment system.

Note: From 20 September 2023, the Government has extended eligibility for Parenting Payment Single to single principal carers with a youngest dependent child under 14 years, up from 8 years. As part of the implementation, income support recipients who were single principal carers of a dependent child aged under 14 years were moved to Parenting Payment Single. Around 65,000 income support recipients (the majority of which were JobSeeker Payment recipients) were transitioned to Parenting Payment Single on 20 September 2023, resulting in a significant decrease in the number of recipients of JobSeeker Payment and a corresponding increase in the number of Parenting Payment Single recipients between August and September 2023.

Income Support duration refers to duration on any income support payment, and may not reflect duration on current payment.

*For Age Pension recipients the reported duration refers to duration on current payment type since latest date of commencement, and does not take into account allowable breaks in payment, or previous periods on other income support payments.

From December 2022, Services Australia have implemented a change in the Centrelink payment system to recognise gender other than the sex assigned at birth or during infancy, or as a gender which is not exclusively male or female. To protect the privacy of individuals and comply with confidentialisation policy, persons identifying as 'non-binary' will initially be grouped with 'females' in the period immediately following implementation of this change. The Department of Social Services will monitor the implications of this change and will publish the 'non-binary' gender category as soon as privacy and confidentialisation considerations allow.

Partial Capacity to Work refers to activity tested recipients with an assessed work capacity of under 30 hours per week.

Principal Carer refers to recipients who have principal caring responsibilities for a dependent child under the age of 16.

Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as indigenous. These data may therefore represent an undercount.

To protect individuals' privacy, all cells including any totals and subtotals have been rounded to the nearest 5, values from 1 to 7 are rounded to 5. Zero cells are actual zeros. This may result in non-additivity for some totals. Caution should be taken in re-calculating totals from rounded data, as this may compound the effects of rounding.

Source: Services Australia administrative data (Department of Social Services Blue Book dataset).