

Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into compulsory income management

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into compulsory income management

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Question:

1. How many people are currently subject to compulsory income management (Part 3B) and enhanced income management (Part 3AA), disaggregated by:

- a) the basis on which those people have been subject to it (e.g. ‘disengaged youth’ or state referral etc);
- b) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status; gender identity; age; carer status; and disability status.

Answer:

1. a) Table 1.A.1: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by measure

Measure	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient	11,162	9,134	20,296
Disengaged Youth	3,114	2,909	6,023
Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient - Youth	211	839	1,050
Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient	115	413	528
Child Protection	n.p.	15	n.p.
Supporting People at Risk	<5	0	<5
Cape York	0	70	70
Nominee	0	126	126
Voluntary Income Management	1,974	570	2,544
Total	16,589	14,076	30,665

Note:

- Numbers less than 5 are suppressed as <5 in line with the Department of Social Services’ Data Confidentiality Policy. In some instances, figures may not be provided if the actual number can be derived such as subtracting from a total. As a result, the sum of each row in a column may not add to equal the column totals.
- These data are available on data.gov.au.

1. b) Table 1.B.1: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
First Nations	14,300	10,913	25,213
Not Indigenous	2,289	3,163	5,452
Total	16,589	14,076	30,665

Table 1.B.2: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by gender identity

Gender	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
Female	9,205	7,963	17,168
Male	7,384	6,113	13,497
Total	16,589	14,076	30,665

Table 1.B.3: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by age

Age	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
0 - 20	1,305	2,266	3,571
21 - 30	4,500	4,627	9,127
31 - 40	3,990	3,359	7,349
41 - 50	2,909	2,077	4,986
51 - 60	2,309	1,230	3,539
61 - 70	1,165	477	1,642
over 70	411	40	451
Total	16,589	14,076	30,665

Table 1.B.4: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by carer status

Carer status	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
Participants in receipt of the Carer Payment or Carer Allowance	211	217	428

Table 1.B.5: Income Management (IM) and enhanced IM participants as at 31 May 2024 by disability payment

Disability status	IM	Enhanced IM	Total
Participants in receipt of the Disability Support Pension	1,319	368	1,687

Note for table 1.B.4 and 1.B.5: disability and carer status is based on the receipt of the income support payments of Disability Support Pension or Carer payment or Carer Allowance respectively. As a result, based on the type of payment a participant may receive, there may be participants counted in both tables.