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Topic: Family Support

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Senator Moore asked:

How many clients accessed services through Community Playgroups for 2011-12 through 2013-14? Please provide a breakdown by state, territory and electorate. How many Culturally and Linguistically Diverse clients accessed services through Community Playgroups for 2011-12 through 2013-14? Please provide a breakdown by state, territory and electorate. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients accessed services through Community Playgroups for 2011-12 through 2013-14? Please provide a breakdown by state, territory and electorate.

Answer:

Tables 1 and 2 provide a state breakdown of clients by total clients, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) status that accessed Community Playgroups services for the financial periods 2011-12 to 2012-13.

The Department is unable to provide the 2013-14 figures at this point in time as reporting for that period is not available until 31 July 2014. The Department is also unable to provide the information by electorate as it does not collect Family Support Program data by this administrative boundary.

Table 1: Community Playgroups - 2011-12

State	Total Clients	Total ATSI Clients	Total CaLD Clients
ACT	11,166	49	900
NSW	82,823	241	1,286
NT	5,851	2,593	740
QLD	51,442	583	945
SA	22,157	54	438
TAS	7,597	112	106
VIC	130,366	533	10,358
WA	64,999	91	1,288
National Total	376,401	4,256	16,061

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Table 2: Community Playgroups - 2012-13

State	Total Clients	Total ATSI Clients	Total CaLD Clients
ACT	4,405	26	399
NSW	56,118	1,456	6,233
NT	2,411	1,004	240
QLD	23,763	356	1,426
SA	17,547	85	1,307
TAS	3,533	15	7
VIC	63,877	269	3,826
WA	36,127	123	3,400
National Total	207,781	3,334	16,838

Note

A client is anyone who receives a service delivered by a Family Service Program provider.