

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Weekly Payments

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Question:

How many people are currently receiving weekly payments? Provide a breakdown use of weekly payment option and by payment type, vulnerability indicator and Indigenous status.

Answer:

As at 27 November 2015 there were 20,235 customers receiving their income support payment on a weekly basis.

Table 1 shows the breakdown of weekly payments by payment type, Indigenous status and vulnerability indicator status as at 27 November 2015.

Table 1 – Weekly Payments

Payment name	Total customers on Weekly Payments	Total Indigenous customers on Weekly Payments	Total customers on Weekly Payments with a Vulnerability Indicator
Additional Boarding Allowance	<20	<20	-
Abstudy	54	54	<20
Age Pension	654	135	<20
Austudy	43	-	<20
Carer Payment	549	113	<20
Disability Support Pension	12,467	2,329	137
Newstart Allowance	3,388	617	1,073
Parenting Payment Partnered	83	20	<20
Parenting Payment Single	602	150	<20
Sickness Allowance	<20	<20	-
Special Benefit	27	<20	-
Widow Allowance	<20	<20	<20
Wife Pension Disability	<20	-	-
Youth Allowance	2,348	393	369
Total	20,235	3,824	1,614