

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities      Question No: SQ15-000887**

**Topic: Income Management**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

Provide a breakdown by numbers in each category of income management in the Northern Territory by gender (number and percentages),

Provide a breakdown by numbers in each category of income management in the Northern Territory by age (number and percentages).

Provide a breakdown by numbers in each category of income management in the Northern Territory by Indigenous status (number).

How many Basics Card have been printed in the Northern Territory in each of the years since 2007-08? How many people in the Northern Territory are currently been provided with a BasicsCard?

How many people are currently on Voluntary Income Management across Australia? Provide a breakdown by state or territory, location (eg. Playford, NT) and main payment type.

How many people have exited income Voluntary Income Management in each of the locations that income management operates?

What is the average duration on income management in the Northern Territory?

How many people have been continuously on Income Management since 2007? Of these, how many are now voluntary participants?

What is the estimates costs of maintaining a single person on Income Management in the Northern Territory from 2007 to October 2015 in Darwin, in a remote location, and on average?

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**Answer:**

- a) Number of people on income management in the Northern Territory by measure and gender as at 28 August 2015

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male %</b>	<b>Total</b>
Voluntary Income Management	1,932	58%	1,413	42%	3,345
Vulnerable Measure (Social Worker Assessed)	88	51%	84	49%	172
Vulnerable Measure (Youth Trigger)	137	31%	299	69%	436
Child Protection Measure	79	94%	5	6%	84
Disengaged Youth Measure	2,638	61%	1,668	39%	4,306
Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure	6,942	57%	5,286	43%	12,228
Supporting People at Risk	74	36%	133	64%	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,890</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>20,778</b>

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b) Number of people on income management in the Northern Territory by age as at 28 August 2015\*

<b>Measure</b>	<b>&lt;20 Years</b>		<b>20-29 Years</b>		<b>30-39 Years</b>		<b>40-49 Years</b>		<b>50-59 Years</b>		<b>60-69 Years</b>		<b>70 Years plus</b>		<b>Total</b>
Voluntary Income Management	34	1%	368	11%	429	13%	697	21%	703	21%	623	19%	491	15%	3,345
Vulnerable Measure (Social Worker Assessed)	<5	n/p	19	11%	n/p	n/p	47	27%	37	22%	14	8%	22	13%	172
Vulnerable Measure (Youth Trigger)	140	32%	296	68%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	436
Child Protection Measure	n/p	n/p	33	39%	33	39%	n/p	n/p	<5	n/p	<5	n/p	n/p	n/p	84
Disengaged Youth Measure	1,081	25%	3,222	75%	<5	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	4,306
Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure	22	0.2%	2,909	24%	4,612	38%	2,945	24%	1,340	11%	n/p	n/p	<5	n/p	12,228
Supporting People at Risk	n/p	n/p	19	9%	52	25%	88	43%	42	20%	6	3%	n/p	n/p	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>20,778</b>
<i>*Due to small numbers, for privacy reasons, it is not possible to provide all age splits. To prevent people being identified, numbers below 5 or numbers that would identify groups of less than 5 are not provided (n/p).</i>															

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c) Number of people on income management in the Northern Territory by measure and Indigenous Status as at 28 August 2015

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Non-Indigenous</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Total</b>
Voluntary Income Management	66	3,279	3,345
Vulnerable Measure (Social Worker Assessed)	5	167	172
Vulnerable Measure (Youth Trigger)	109	327	436
Child Protection Measure	5	79	84
Disengaged Youth Measure	578	3,728	4,306
Long Term Welfare Payment Recipient Measure	1,808	10,420	12,228
Supporting People at Risk	5	202	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>18,202</b>	<b>20,778</b>

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d) As at 28 August 2015, a total of 20,235 people on income management had an active BasicsCard.

Number of BasicsCards printed in the Northern Territory by financial year\*

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>BasicsCards Issued</b>
2008 / 2009	39,834
2009 / 2010	70,153
2010 / 2011	68,543
2011 / 2012	76,467
2012 / 2013	83,600
2013 / 2014	77,084
2014 / 2015	77,245
2015 / 2016	13,019
<b>Total</b>	<b>505,945</b>

*\*Figures provided are BasicsCards issued to people, not cards printed in preparation for issuing. These figures include all people who as at 28 August 2015 resided in the Northern Territory. Some people may have lived in a different state at the time of the BasicsCard issue.*

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- e) Please refer to data published on <data.gov.au> for the total number of people on Voluntary Income Management by location.

Number of people in the Northern Territory on Voluntary Income Management by main income support payment type as at 28 August 2015

<b>Main Income Support Payment Type</b>	<b>People on Voluntary Income Management</b>
Abstudy	<5
Age Pension	754
Carer Payment	149
Disability Support Pension	2,167
NewStart Allowance	159
Parenting Payment Partnered	16
Parenting Payment Single	31
Special Benefit	<5
Widowed Persons Allowance	30
Wife Pension (Age)	<5
Wife Pension (Disability Support Pension)	<5
Youth Allowance	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,345</b>

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f) Number of people who have exited Voluntary Income Management by location as at 28 August 2015\*

<b>State</b>	<b>Income Management Area</b>	<b>Voluntary Income Management Exits</b>
<b>NT</b>	Alice Springs	685
	Barkley	184
	Daly - Tiwi - West Arnhem	486
	East Arnhem	378
	Katherine	417
	Rest of NT	320
	<b>NT Total</b>	<b>2,470</b>
<b>WA</b>	Goldfields	234
	Greater Perth	863
	Kimberley	1,230
	Rest of WA	145
	<b>WA Total</b>	<b>2,472</b>
<b>QLD</b>	Far North	<5
	Greater Brisbane (Logan)	196
	Rockhampton	69
	Rest of QLD	n/p
	<b>QLD Total</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>SA</b>	APY Lands	282
	Greater Adelaide (Playford)	124
	Western & West Coast	18
	Rest of SA	31
	<b>SA Total</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>VIC</b>	Shepparton	119
	Rest of VIC	85
	<b>VIC Total</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>NSW</b>	Greater Sydney (Bankstown)	86
	Rest of NSW	36
	<b>NSW Total</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>ACT &amp; TAS</b>	<b>ACT &amp; TAS Total</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,097</b>

*\*This data is point in time and the figures do not recognise people who have exited income management and subsequently gone back on another income management measure. Any variance from data reported prior to 28 August 2015 is due to a change in reporting method for the income management programme to conform to the Australian Statistical Geography Standard. "Rest of..." areas are outside of main income management locations in the state, and represent all areas in*

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*the state not in one of the defined income management locations. To prevent people being identified, numbers below 5, or numbers that would identify groups of less than 5 are not provided (n/p).*

- g) As at 28 August 2015, people in the Northern Territory spent an average of 104 weeks on their current income management measure.
- h) Between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2010 a total of 25,163 people were on income management in the Northern Territory. Of these, 3,120 were on Voluntary Income Management as at 28 August 2015. Data on the number of people who have continuously been on income management is unavailable.
- i) Funding for income management is not costed per head or by location. A significant component of the funding is used for income management infrastructure which supports all income management sites. This includes DHS call centres, IT infrastructure, Financial Wellbeing and Capability services and administration of the BasicsCard.