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A further explanation of the data outlined in *Table A: of QoN202 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017* is outlined below.

The table separately identifies “Serious failures” and “CCAs” because serious failures can apply either as an outcome of a CCA, or through the job seeker refusing to commence or accept a suitable job offer. Together, these figures reflect the total applied serious failure penalties (18,961), as provided in answer to *Part 3 of QoN 202*.

These circumstances are explained in further detail in the Guides to Social Security Law: <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/3/1/13/40>

An update to the *Tables QoN202 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017*, including compliance data for the September quarter 2016-17, will be provided on notice.

Attachment A: Quarterly Penalties and suspensions applied to CDP job seekers in 2015-16 (by State)

Quarterly Penalties incurred by CDP job seekers in 2015-16 (by State)

Quarters for 15-16 FY	Financial Penalty Type	WA	SA	NSW & QLD	NT	NATIONAL
Jul 15 - Sept 15	No Show No Pay	2,088	846	4,911	6,553	14,398
	Non-Attendance Failures	11	12	9	15	47
	Reconnection	2	1	9	20	32
	Serious failures			1	1	2
	CCAs	202	49	532	863	1,646
	UE NPPs	12	3	13	25	53
	Total Financial Penalty events	2,315	911	5,475	7,477	16,178
Oct 15 - Dec 15	No Show No Pay	4,650	2,316	8,798	14,365	30,129
	Non-Attendance Failures	88	6	26	73	193
	Reconnection	20	7	17	61	105
	Serious failures			0	4	4
	CCAs	413	383	1,202	2,150	4,148

	UE NPPs	15	4	10	21	50
	Total Financial Penalty events	5,186	2,716	10,053	16,674	34,629
Jan 16 - Mar 16	No Show No Pay	7,905	2,211	10,063	19,841	40,020
	Non-Attendance Failures	57	1	11	213	282
	Reconnection	30	4	11	126	171
	Serious failures	2		0	1	3
	CCAs	743	373	1,462	3,094	5,672
	UE NPPs	5	1	8	21	35
	Total Financial Penalty events	8,742	2,590	11,555	23,296	46,183
Apr 16 - Jun 16	No Show No Pay	8,019	2,017	9,089	22,070	41,195
	Non-Attendance Failures	5		22	126	153
	Reconnection	117	54	71	537	779
	Serious failures	1		0	2	3
	CCAs	1,228	404	1,546	4,305	7,483
	UE NPPs	8	1	11	31	51
	Total Financial Penalty events	9,378	2,476	10,739	27,071	49,664
Total FY	No Show No Pay	22,662	7,390	32,861	62,829	125,742
	Non-Attendance Failures	161	19	68	427	675
	Reconnection	169	66	108	744	1,087
	Serious failures	3	0	1	8	12
	CCAs	2,586	1,209	4,742	10,412	18,949
	UE NPPs	40	9	42	98	189
	Total Financial Penalty events	25,621	8,693	37,822	74,518	146,654

* NSW and QLD have been merged together to protect the identities of the smaller number of communities and service provider working with CDP in NSW

Note: YTD' figures have not been provided as data for the first quarter of 2016-17 is not yet available.