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Question No: 247

Topic: Rent Assistance and Housing Assistance

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Senator Siewert asked:

For the period January 2011 to March 2011 please provide a breakdown of those in receipt of Rent Assistance (RA) (number and per cent) by:

- a. all payment types;
- b. gender;
- c. state and territory;
- d. those receiving the maximum rate of RA; and
- e. those in housing stress before and after receipt of RA (by payment type and state and territory).

Answer:

Data is not available for the period January 2011 to March 2011. Snapshot data at 3 December 2010 and 11 March 2011 have been used.

Table 1 at Attachment A shows the number and per cent of Rent Assistance recipients by payment type, at December 2010 and March 2011.

Table 2 at Attachment A shows the number and per cent of Rent Assistance recipients by gender, at December 2010 and March 2011.

Table 3 at Attachment A shows the number and per cent of Rent Assistance recipients by state and territory, at December 2010 and March 2011.

Table 4 at Attachment A shows the number and per cent of Rent Assistance recipients who pay enough rent to be eligible for the maximum rate of Rent Assistance, at December 2010 and March 2011.

Tables 5 and 6 at Attachment A show those in housing stress before and after receipt of Rent Assistance by payment type and state and territory, at December 2010 and March 2011.