

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE**

Additional Estimates, 17 February 2005

**Question:**               **Supplementary**  
**Topic:**                   **Superannuation co-contribution**  
**Hansard Page:**       **Written**

Senator Murray asked:

I note the letter of Mr Michael Carmody to the Hon Mal Brough of 18 November 2004 and the Ministers Press Release of 29 November 2004 announcing that 215,000 cases have been found in the initial processing where a co-contribution will be made.

It was also reported on 8 February 2005 that 450,000 Australians would be paid approximately \$244 million in superannuation co-contribution

1. Can you provide the number of taxpayers that are eligible for the full \$1,000 co-contribution?
2. How many recipients were non-taxable?
3. How many recipients had assessable income plus reportable fringe benefits below \$6,000? Below \$20,000? Below \$27,500? Below \$32,000?
4. For each recipient of the co-contribution, can the ATO identify:
  - the age of the taxpayer;
  - the recipient's taxable income in 2002-03;
  - whether the recipient was married;
  - if married, the taxable income of the recipients spouse?

If this information is available, of the 450,000 cases, can this number be split as follows:

Age – into brackets: under 20 years of age at 30 June 2004, 20 to 30, 30 to 40, 40 to 50, 50 to 60, over 60.

2002-03 taxable income – non-taxable; taxable income under \$20,000; \$20,000 to \$40,000; \$40,000 to \$60,000; \$60,000 to \$80,000; \$80,000 to \$100,000 and over \$100,000

Married – number married, number not married

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Spouse's income – non-taxable; taxable income under \$20,000; \$20,000 to \$40,000; \$40,000 to \$60,000; \$60,000 to \$80,000; \$80,000 to \$100,000 and over \$100,000.

If this information can not be provided, please provide reasons why it is unavailable.

5. On an estimated basis, what is the total number of tax returns for the 2003-04 year that the ATO expects to receive where the assessable income plus reportable fringe benefits is below the maximum co-contribution threshold of \$40,000?

**Answer:**

The information requested will be presented to the Parliament by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer as part of the requirements of the *Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003*. The report will be presented after the end of the financial year.