

Table 2: Income Support<sup>(3)</sup> Expenditure \$'000

	Disability Support Pension	Sickness Allowance	Newstart Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	Youth Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	Mature Age Allowance	Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance	Parenting Payment (single)	Parenting Payment (partnered) <sup>(3)</sup>	Parenting Payment (Total)
1994-95	3,529,451	415,141	7,076,776	N/A	358,489	N/A	N/A	2,552,272	N/A	2,552,272
1995-96	4,035,982	354,012	5,765,173	N/A	443,778	462,547	88,233	2,760,105	2,091,321	4,851,426
1996-97	4,405,594	144,280	6,047,829	N/A	472,469	497,841	N/A	2,992,322	2,216,628	5,208,950
1997-98	4,601,267	92,684	5,758,876	N/A	443,380	532,278	N/A	3,079,546	2,152,752	5,232,298
1998-99	5,094,334	92,647	5,241,723	N/A	404,171	590,185	230,107	3,248,684	2,118,795	5,367,479
1999-00	5,238,449	90,575	5,039,426	N/A	365,276	623,273	271,789	3,575,140	2,188,878	5,764,018
2000-01	5,849,799	95,554	4,885,409	N/A	352,596	728,679	324,919	3,861,774	1,463,907	5,325,681
2001-02	6,404,351	93,724	5,078,220	N/A	364,210	817,599	389,550	4,145,834	1,425,884	5,571,718
2002-03	6,851,608	85,528	4,831,069	N/A	381,155	860,768	429,662	4,350,133	1,380,984	5,731,117
2003-04	7,492,532	85,375	4,754,733	N/A	372,523	860,462	469,276	4,657,296	1,337,839	5,995,135

General notes:

Data in this table has been primarily sourced from DSS/FaCS Annual Reports. Where there have been revisions to Annual Report data these have been sourced from administrative data or other departmental records. For example, Parenting Payment data for 1994-95 to 1996-97 and 1998-99 are different from Annual Report data as they reflect data that has been updated from departmental records.

Prior to March 1998, Parenting Payment (single) and Parenting Payment (partnered) were known respectively as Sole Parent Pension and Parenting Allowance.

Widow Allowance (WA) was introduced on 1 January 1995. Expenditure figures for 1994-95 are not available. Figures for 1995-96 are for six month period only. For 1996-97 and 1997-98, expenditure has not been provided as the relevant Annual Reports did not disaggregate WA from other payment 'Assistance to Widows'.

Footnotes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Newstart Allowance (NSA) figures presented for 1994-95 and 1995-96 consist of numbers for both NSA and Job Search Allowance (JSA). It is unclear from the 1994-95 and 1995-96 Annual Reports whether Youth Training Allowance (YTA) has been included in NSA expenditure figures for these years. In September 1996, JSA and NSA were combined into a single payment called Newstart Allowance (Source: DSS Annual Report, 1996-97, page 105).

<sup>(2)</sup> Youth Allowance (YA) includes YA (other), administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and YA (students) administered by the Department of Education Science and Technology (DEST) since October 2004. Youth Allowance expenditure is not available separately for Youth Allowance (other) non-full-time students, and YA (full-time students).

<sup>(3)</sup> Parenting Payment (partnered) was not available prior to 1995-96. Parenting Payment (Partnered) data for 1995-96 to 1999-2000 include recipients of both benefit-Parenting Payment (Partnered) and non-benefit Parenting Payment (partnered). Only recipients of benefit-Parenting Payment (Partnered) were defined as income support recipients. Non-benefit Parenting Payment (partnered) recipients had partner income that reduced their rate of benefit-PPP to zero and they received Basic Parenting Payment Partnered only. From 1 July 2000 non-benefit PPP was abolished and replaced by Family Tax Benefit Part B. This led to a reduction in the expenditure on Parenting Payment (partnered).