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SEAM - Queensland Trial Data

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. Could you provide the same information for the Logan trial sites: firstly, those parents' payments suspended because their kids were not enrolled. Mr Roddam: I do not have the figures just for Logan. I have them for Queensland as a whole. Would you like those? The trial has been run in Queensland as well in a number of sites, one of which is Logan. Senator FIFIELD: Yes. Give me Queensland as a whole, and then if you could take on notice the breakdown by— Mr Roddam: By site? Senator FIFIELD: By site. Mr Roddam: Sure.

Answer

As at 1 April 2011 (and since SEAM began), across Queensland, 79 parents (with respect to 104 children) have had their income support payments suspended for failing to provide enrolment information for their children.

There are four SEAM trial sites in the Logan area—Woodridge; Kingston, Logan Central and Eagleby. In Woodridge, 21 parents have had their payments suspended (with respect to 30 children) for failing to provide enrolment information. In Kingston, 26 parents have received sanctions (with respect to 34 children) for failing to provide enrolment information.

A breakdown of enrolment sanctions for the Logan Central and EaglebySEAM trial sites has not been provided due to the small number of sanctions in these locations which may result in the parent or children being identifiable.