

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates February 2005

Question: HS17

Outcome 1, Output 1.1 - Effective delivery of Australian Government services to eligible Customers

Topic: Child support payers and recipients

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR EVANS asked on 15 February 2005:

For the last five financial years, please indicate:

- the number of child support payers;
- the average amount paid by payers;
- the total amount paid to payers;
- the number of child support recipients;
- the average amount received by recipients;
- the total amount paid to payers.

(Please break this information down by state and territory.)

Answer:

Note in response to the above question:

The question is reproduced as it was asked in writing.

Dot point 3 – payers make payments while payees receive payments, therefore there is no amount paid to payers.

Dot point 6 – the assumption has been made that this should read total amount paid to payees.

Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability¹ and amounts paid by State, June 2004

State or Territory ²	Payer Cases by State/Territory		Payee Cases by State/Territory		Payer to Payee Transfers	
	Number	Average Liabilities (\$)	Number	Average Entitlements (\$)	Amount Transferred (\$)	Average Amt T'ferred (\$)
Aust. Cap. Territory	9,980	4,208	10,357	4,033	38,091,869	4,015
New South Wales	220,311	3,532	217,542	3,493	695,253,468	3,464
Northern Territory	8,074	3,184	6,805	2,738	16,976,482	2,716
Queensland	153,559	3,083	155,214	3,151	446,462,999	3,133
South Australia	57,506	3,025	58,291	3,103	164,518,488	3,135
Tasmania	19,646	2,608	20,901	2,766	51,658,568	2,797
Victoria	152,011	3,718	152,809	3,697	516,550,266	3,653
Western Australia	71,200	3,736	70,970	3,703	240,359,833	3,704
International	17,231	3,479	16,674	3,617	34,544,146	2,127
Unknown	74	7,406	29	4,422	150,685	5,196
Total	709,592	3,435	709,592	3,435	2,204,566,804	3,379

Note 1: Average liabilities apply only to active cases with a non-nil liability.

Note 2: State or Territory based on payer or payee postcode, if no postcode then on payee or payer office.

Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability¹ and amounts paid by State, June 2003

State or Territory ²	Payer Cases by State/Territory		Payee Cases by State/Territory		Payer to Payee Transfers	
	Number	Average Liabilities	Number	Average Entitlements	Amount Transferred (\$)	Average Amt T'ferred (\$)
Aust. Cap. Territory	10,009	4147	10,352	4,010	36,607,973	3,968
New South Wales	213,112	3522	212,712	3,452	655,203,976	3,306
Northern Territory	7,662	3236	6,567	2,702	21,266,139	2,979
Queensland	145,364	3023	149,235	3,066	374,934,431	2,799
South Australia	55,546	2961	56,212	3,039	141,169,363	2,807
Tasmania	18,855	2580	20,292	2,690	41,067,210	2,466
Victoria	144,819	3689	147,110	3,658	467,200,973	3,461
Western Australia	66,861	3685	67,976	3,622	210,445,556	3,422
International	11,478	2959	3,282	7,137	17,052,097	1,521
Unknown	65	5240	33	4,726	315,541	5,009
Total	673,771	3393	673,771	3,393	1,965,263,259	3,153

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Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability¹ and amounts paid by State, June 2002

State or Territory ²	Payer Cases by State/Territory		Payee Cases by State/Territory		Payer to Payee Transfers	
	Number	Average Liabilities	Number	Average Entitlements (\$)	Amount Transferred (\$)	Average Amt T'ferred (\$)
Aust. Cap. Territory	10,539	4,154	10,745	3,866	35,807,672	3,627
New South Wales	206,248	3,498	204,944	3,349	584,714,720	3,089
Northern Territory	8,050	3,174	6,681	2,629	14,452,988	2,345
Queensland	140,538	2,940	144,051	2,932	357,455,189	2,703
South Australia	53,398	2,888	54,769	2,896	134,697,619	2,721
Tasmania	19,576	2,554	20,528	2,592	44,053,462	2,428
Victoria	138,387	3,635	141,230	3,528	432,441,030	3,296
Western Australia	66,299	3,645	66,643	3,527	198,314,615	3,242
Unknown	7,920	2,773	1,364	7,336	2,529,000	2,181
Total	650,955	3,345	650,955	3,262	1,804,466,295	3,014

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Note 3: International cases were not separately identified on the Client Research Extract prior to June 2003.

Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability by State, June 2001

State or Territory ^{1,2}	Payer Cases by State/Territory		Payee Cases by State/Territory	
	Number	Average Liabilities (\$)	Number	Average Entitlements (\$)
Aust. Cap. Territory	9,828	3,984	10,158	3,864
New South Wales	190,027	3,428	190,218	3,377
Northern Territory	7,893	3,038	6,152	2,691
Queensland	130,635	2,858	133,246	2,905
South Australia	50,072	2,784	51,565	2,851
Tasmania	18,280	2,444	19,588	2,971
Victoria	130,946	3,514	133,001	3,491
Western Australia	62,652	3,590	62,558	3,526
Unknown	6,424	2,960	271	4,080
Total	606,757	3,259	606,757	3,259

A total of \$1,400.1 million was transferred between parents for the support of their children. Average amount transferred is not available.

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Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability by State, June 2000

State or Territory ^{1,2}	Payer Cases by State/Territory		Payee Cases by State/Territory	
	Number	Average Liabilities (\$)	Number	Average Entitlements (\$)
Aust. Cap. Territory	9,372	3,994	9,669	3,783
New South Wales	176,201	3,417	176,135	3,388
Northern Territory	7,253	3,195	5,464	2,844
Queensland	121,023	2,884	123,017	2,945
South Australia	47,066	2,822	48,326	2,874
Tasmania	16,911	2,472	17,807	2,566
Victoria	122,021	3,480	123,529	3,469
Western Australia	57,879	4,117	57,487	4,167
Unknown	4,116	3,502	408	3,968
Total	561,842	3,308	561,842	3,308

A total of \$1,386.2 million was transferred between parents for the support of their children. Average amount transferred is not available.

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