

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 14 February 2006

**Question: HS48**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Centrelink - Income Support Customers**

**Written Question on Notice:** Written

**SENATOR EVANS** asked on 14/2/2006:

For the following payment types:

1. Family Tax Benefit Part A
2. Family Tax Benefit Part B
3. Maternity Payment
4. Maternity Immunisation Allowance
5. Parenting Payment
6. Double Orphan Pension
7. Carer Allowance
8. Age Pension
9. Disability Support Pension
10. Wife Pension
11. Bereavement Allowance
12. Widow B Pension
13. Carer Payment
14. Newstart Allowance
15. Youth Allowance
16. Austudy Payment
17. Partner Allowance
18. Sickness Allowance
19. Widow Allowance
20. Mature Age Allowance
21. Special Benefit
22. Mobility Allowance
23. Remote Area Allowance
24. Crisis Payment

Please provide the following information:

- (a) The total number of people receiving the payment
- (b) The age breakdown of people receiving the payment
- (c) The gender of people receiving the payment
- (d) The number of people receiving the payment in each state and territory

Please provide these figures for the 2005 and 2006 (to date) calendar years.

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**Answer:**

(a) Total number of people receiving the payment.

<b>Payment</b>	<b>2005</b>
Family Tax Benefit Part A <sup>1</sup>	1,808,800
Family Tax Benefit Part B <sup>1</sup>	1,383,101
Maternity Payment <sup>8</sup>	261,709
Maternity Allowance <sup>8</sup>	318
Modified Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	215,379
Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	4,668
Parenting Payment Single <sup>11*</sup>	445,585
Parenting Payment Partnered <sup>13 *</sup>	168,968
Double Orphan Pension <sup>5</sup>	1,331
Carer Allowance <sup>4</sup>	356,551
Age Pension <sup>3</sup>	1,905,129
Disability Support Pension <sup>11</sup>	712,098
Wife Pension (Age) <sup>3 9</sup>	17,215
Wife pension (DSP) <sup>3 9</sup>	26,495
Bereavement Allowance <sup>3</sup>	74
Widow B Pension <sup>3</sup>	803
Carer Payment <sup>3</sup>	100,872
Newstart Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	449,499
Youth Allowance <sup>10</sup>	323,981
Austudy Payment <sup>10</sup>	21,857
Partner Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	67,185
Sickness Allowance <sup>10</sup>	8,073
Widow Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	45,376
Mature Age Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	16,477
Special Benefit <sup>2</sup>	7,300
Mobility Allowance <sup>12</sup>	50,750
Remote Area Allowance <sup>7</sup>	59,116
Crisis Payment <sup>6</sup>	44,690

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(b) Age breakdown of people receiving the payment.

Payment - 2005	12-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65-74 yrs	75-84 yrs	85+ yrs
Family Tax Benefit Part A <sup>1</sup>	107,467	551,991	793,916	320,486	30,370	3,844	561	165
Family Tax Benefit Part B <sup>1</sup>	102,285	466,889	582,273	206,646	21,009	3,464	515	20
Maternity Payment <sup>8</sup>	44,529	152,437	62,565	1,890	255	n/a	<20	
Maternity Allowance <sup>8</sup>	<20	171	135	<20	<20			
Modified Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	26,365	122,206	64,062	2,424	290	n/a	<20	
Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	859	2,415	1,305	80	<20	<20		
Parenting Payment Single <sup>11*</sup>	56,470	154,020	171,271	58,707	5,061	n/a	<20	-
Parenting Payment Partnered <sup>13*</sup>	18,208	60,369	65,691	22,547	2,128	21	<20	-
Double Orphan Pension <sup>5</sup>	99	218	261	329	271	119	n/a	<20
Carer Allowance <sup>4</sup>	6,212	38,732	82,963	70,302	69,934	48,906	34,241	5,261
Age Pension <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	103,932	993,396	614,532	193,269
Disability Support Pension <sup>11</sup>	46,142	71,355	117,642	185,716	284,591	6,154	452	46
Wife Pension (Age) <sup>3 9</sup>	-	<20	325	2,454	14,106	194	113	<20
Wife Pension (DSP) <sup>3 9</sup>	-	269	3,095	10,448	12,653	N/A	-	<20
Bereavement Allowance <sup>3</sup>	<20	<20	<20	25	38	<20	-	-
Widow B Pension <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	43	289	317	154
Carer Payment <sup>3</sup>	3,580	7,878	18,492	30,846	36,076	3,401	548	51
Newstart Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	76,028	120,326	94,494	88,268	70,383	-	-	-
Youth Allowance <sup>10</sup>	318,602	5,379	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austudy Payment <sup>10</sup>	-	13,597	5,068	2,627	N/A	<20	-	-
Partner Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	-	-	-	9,558	54,368	2,344	856	58
Sickness Allowance <sup>10</sup>	939	1,961	1,922	1,963	1,288	-	-	-
Widow Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	-	-	-	6,757	33,891	2,503	1,826	399
Mature Age Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	-	-	-	-	16,477	-	-	-
Special Benefit <sup>2</sup>	973	974	525	250	219	2,533	1,605	221
Mobility Allowance <sup>12</sup>	11,126	9,829	11,030	10,347	6,430	1,640	321	25
Remote Area Allowance <sup>7</sup>	10,591	12,035	10,459	7,624	7,307	7,238	3,093	769
	<15yrs	15-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-59 yrs	60+ yrs	
Crisis Payment <sup>6</sup>	<20	11,907	18,005	10,557	3,181	542	n/a	

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(c) Gender of people receiving the payment.

Gender	2005	
	Female	Male
Family Tax Benefit Part A <sup>1 +</sup>	1,645,044	163,612
Family Tax Benefit Part B <sup>1</sup>	1,242,541	140,560
Maternity Payment <sup>8</sup>	237,712	23,997
Maternity Allowance <sup>8</sup>	286	32
Modified Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	199,363	16,016
Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	4,211	457
Parenting Payment Single <sup>11*</sup>	411,489	34,096
Parenting Payment Partnered <sup>13*</sup>	151,926	17,042
Double Orphan Pension <sup>5++</sup>	1,139	191
Carer Allowance <sup>4</sup>	271,043	85,508
Age Pension <sup>3</sup>	1,116,872	788,257
Disability Support Pension <sup>11</sup>	294,177	417,921
Wife Pension (Age) <sup>3 9</sup>	17,215	-
Wife Pension (Dsp) <sup>3 9</sup>	26,495	-
Bereavement Allowance <sup>3</sup>	n/a	<20
Widow B Pension <sup>3</sup>	803	-
Carer Payment <sup>3</sup>	66,601	34,271
Newstart Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	155,239	294,260
Youth Allowance <sup>10</sup>	173,174	150,807
Austudy Payment <sup>10</sup>	9,796	12,061
Partner Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	60,094	7,090
Sickness Allowance <sup>10</sup>	2,737	5,336
Widow Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	45,376	-
Mature Age Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	1,082	15,395
Special Benefit <sup>2</sup>	3,160	4,140
Mobility Allowance <sup>12</sup>	22,996	27,754
Remote Area Allowance <sup>7</sup>	34,006	25,110
Crisis Payment <sup>6</sup>	16,570	28,120

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(d) Number of people receiving the payment in each state and territory.

Payment 2005	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TBA	Over-seas
Family Tax Benefit Part A <sup>1</sup>	22,191	570,812	21,316	378,962	143,312	50,701	440,987	179,892	627	
Family Tax Benefit Part B <sup>1</sup>	16,925	444,397	17,929	287,530	104,973	37,876	331,665	141,710	96	
Maternity Payment <sup>8</sup>	4173	88217	3702	53851	17343	5872	62418	25870	263	
Maternity Allowance <sup>8</sup>	<20	112	<20	42	<20	<20	91	35		
Modified Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	3,273	69,733	2,377	45,740	15,466	5,141	52,218	21,198	233	
Maternity Immunisation Allowance <sup>8</sup>	91	1,581	118	936	301	n/a	1,070	485	<20	
Parenting Payment Single <sup>11*</sup>	4,879	143,775	5,950	97,109	35,586	13,221	99,785	44,838	n/a	<20
Parenting Payment Partnered <sup>13*</sup>	1,516	57,739	3,516	31,928	12,907	5,775	40,298	14,802	487	
Double Orphan Pension <sup>5</sup>	<20	346	28	239	158	41	326	177	<20	
Carer Allowance <sup>4</sup>	3,642	119,597	1,617	69,692	29,639	10,099	93,297	28,890	78	
Age Pension <sup>3 ^^</sup>	17,582	619,449	6,317	333,943	175,379	53,137	483,575	160,135	3,537	52,075
Disability Support Pension <sup>11</sup>	7,052	229,298	5,914	137,126	68,147	25,168	170,281	60,105	317	8,690
Wife Pension (Age) <sup>3 9 ^^</sup>	93	5,459	N/A	3,167	1,704	567	4,105	1,426	<20	601
Wife Pension (Dsp) <sup>3 9</sup>	123	8,528	84	4,891	2,475	1,126	5,982	2,250	25	1,011
Bereavement Allowance <sup>3 ^^</sup>	-	<20	-	20	<20	<20	<20	<20	-	-
Widow B Pension <sup>3 ^^</sup>	-	<20	-	<20	<20	-	<20	<20	-	767
Carer Payment <sup>3 ^^</sup>	640	36,575	505	19,751	7,529	3,552	25,371	6,813	76	60
Newstart Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	4,275	146,585	14,401	84,747	37,805	16,039	108,046	37,601	-	
Youth Allowance <sup>10</sup>	4,831	104,019	3,553	57,990	26,942	10,582	87,173	28,891		
Austudy Payment <sup>10</sup>	344	6,072	104	4,507	2,065	830	5,249	2,686		
Partner Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	286	21,856	175	13,037	6,522	2,959	16,800	5,549	1	
Sickness Allowance <sup>10</sup>	98	2,180	41	1,896	772	197	2,222	667		
Widow Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	328	15,131	211	9,393	3,299	1,327	11,637	4,050		
Mature Age Allowance <sup>10 *</sup>	71	5,206	50	3,726	1,425	723	3,821	1,455	-	
Special Benefit <sup>2</sup>	108	3,717	<20	453	438	N/A	2,049	446		
Mobility Allowance <sup>12</sup>	560	14,516	248	9,847	5,990	1,641	13,518	4,360	70	
Remote Area Allowance <sup>7</sup>	<20	200	34,630	10,126	1,625	435	129	11,958	<20	
Crisis Payment <sup>6</sup>	554	13,747	1,874	9,268	3,956	1,831	6,907	6,490	63	

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<sup>1</sup> FAO Family Tax Benefit data extracted 30/12/05.

<sup>2</sup> Newstart Population data extracted 16/12/05. Special Benefit figures are current only and exclude zero paid customers.

<sup>3</sup> Pensions data extracted 9/12/05.

<sup>4</sup> Carer Allowance data extracted 23/12/05 - Note – Health Care Card only recipients are excluded.

<sup>5</sup> Populations data extracted 9/12/05.

<sup>6</sup> Crisis Payment includes grants within and outside Standard for the year of 31 December 2004 to 30 December 2005

<sup>7</sup> RAA Populations data extracted 6/1/06.

<sup>8</sup> Data from calendar year 1/1/05 - 30/12/05.

<sup>9</sup> Note - Wife Pension data has been separated out into Wife Pension (DSP) and Wife Pension (AGE). This is inconsistent with the previous QoN and therefore the data should not be compared.

<sup>10</sup> Newstart Population data extracted 16/12/05.

<sup>11</sup> Pensions data extracted 9/12/05.

<sup>12</sup> Populations data extracted 9/12/05.

<sup>13</sup> Populations data extracted 9/12/05.

^^ Data for these payments can be compared to previous years by combining the totals for Tasmania and Overseas. Customers residing overseas permanently or for an extended period of time were previously included in the figures for Tasmania.

Point in Time: With the exception of Crisis Payment (see note 6 above), all data supplied is point in time data. This means that the data is reflective of the point in time when the snap shot was taken. The date that the snap shot was taken can be found in the heading above your data. All snap shot data is taken as at a particular month or quarter depending on the data source. At the time of extraction, information for the 2005 calendar year is the most recent data available.

+ Family Tax Benefit Part A – 144 people receiving this benefit had not specified their gender.

++ Double Orphan Pension - <20 people receiving this benefit had not specified their gender.

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TBA: On the date that the data was extracted a very small number of people in each payment population were in transit for a range of reasons. As a result, Centrelink was to be advised (TBA) by those customers of their new address.

This answer required 98 hours and five minutes at a cost of \$3937.00 to prepare.

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