

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2006-2007, 13th and 16th February, 2007

Question: HS76

Agency: Centrelink

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Numbers of Indigenous Newstart customers from 2004-05 to current time

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SENATOR MOORE asked on 16/02/2007:

Can you please provide the number of Indigenous people on Newstart currently, since 1 July 2006, through 2005-06 and 2004-05 and the state and territory they reside?

ANSWER:

Under social security law customers are not required to identify themselves as Indigenous to qualify for Newstart Allowance. The number of Newstart customers who have identified themselves as Indigenous during the current and previous two financial years is detailed in the below table.

Identified Indigenous Newstart customers

	Jan 2007 ¹	Oct 2006 ²	Jul 2006 ³	Apr 2006 ⁴	Jan 2006 ⁵	Oct 2005 ⁶	Jul 2005 ⁷	Apr 2005 ⁸	Jan 2005 ⁹	Oct 2004 ¹⁰	Jul 2004 ¹¹
ACT	201	184	183	174	197	192	185	181	155	147	145
NSW	9,462	9,121	8,898	8,549	8,832	8,329	8,460	8,134	8,425	8,101	7,904
NT	7,650	7,539	7,631	7,775	7,887	7,649	7,688	7,948	8,077	7,743	7,541
QLD	8,129	7,812	8,043	8,350	8,496	7,861	8,409	8,582	8,892	8,191	7,149
SA	2,061	1,948	1,928	1,829	1,877	1,806	1,841	1,785	1,793	1,755	1,703
TAS	876	885	851	846	885	847	887	808	844	838	767
VIC	1,871	1,776	1,841	1,683	1,741	1,714	1,768	1,704	1,762	1,648	1,633
WA	4,491	4,275	4,297	4,257	4,440	4,366	4,392	4,386	4,504	4,310	4,320
Total	34,741	33,540	33,672	33,463	34,355	32,764	33,630	33,528	34,452	32,733	31,162

1. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 19 January 2007 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
2. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 20 October 2006 version 2., Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
3. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 21 July 2006 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
4. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 21 April 2006 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
5. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 21 January 2006 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
6. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 21 October 2005 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
7. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 15 July 2005 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
8. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR 15 April 2005 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.

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9. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 21 January 2005 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
10. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated 15 October 2004 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.
11. Data Source: Data provided by Centrelink extracted using SuperSTAR dated July 2004 version 1, Newstart Population – Geographic State by customer - Indigenous, Newstart Allowance, current excluding CDEP, Zero Paid.

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