

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

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SENATOR SIEWERT asked on 31/10/2006:

Senator SIEWERT—Is it possible to tell me how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been breached? Do you break down those figures?

Mr Whalan—We would be able to give you a global number. We will take that on notice. I do not know whether we would go beyond that.

Senator SIEWERT—Can we now go back to the issue of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. If you can provide that data on global reductions, can you also provide, if possible, the number per area?

Answer:

As of 29 September 2006, 140 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had an eight-week non-payment period applied.

Area breakdown of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with eight-week non-payment periods applied from 1 July 2006 to 29 September 2006.

Area	Total
South Metro New South Wales	< 20
Pacific Central	< 20
South West New South Wales	< 20
West New South Wales	< 20
Hunter	< 20
East Coast New South Wales	< 20
South East Victoria	< 20
North Central Victoria	< 20
West Victoria	< 20
Central and North Queensland	< 20
Brisbane	< 20
North Australia	< 20
South Australia	< 20
Tasmania	< 20
Western Australia	50
Unknown*	< 20
Total	140

Source W2W report R28TWKB-20060929

*At the time of a failure decision the customer's record was undetermined and the customer was not allocated to a specific area.

Note: In order to protect the privacy of customers, cells containing customer numbers less than 20 are masked and only show the value '<20'.

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