

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Please provide the breakdown of Crisis payment grants, by payment type, for 2008-09, by gender.

Answer:

In 2008-09, the number of Grants of Crisis Payment by Payment Type by Gender is outlined in the table below:

Payment Type		Female	Male	Total
Abstudy	Abstudy - Secondary/Tertiary	24	9	33
	Schooling A Student	36	9	45
	Total Abstudy	60	18	78
Newstart	Austudy	31	11	42
	Newstart Allowance	7783	25805	33588
	Partner Allowance	5	0	5
	Sickness Allowance	37	11	48
	Special Benefit	145	23	168
	Widow Allowance	132	0	132
	Youth Allowance	1799	4356	6155
	Total Newstart	9932	30206	40138
Parenting	Parenting Allowance	1	0	1
	Parenting Payment (Partnered)	1171	26	1197
	Total Parenting	1172	26	1198
Pensions	Age Pension	258	256	514
	Bereavement Allowance	1	0	1
	Carer Payment	273	126	399
	Disability Support Pension	2608	4735	7343
	Parenting Payment (Single)	6479	192	6671
	Wife (Age Pensioner)	1	0	1
	Wife (Disability Support Pensioner)	1	0	1
	Total Pensions	9621	5309	14930
Other *	Total Other	27	20	47
	Total Payments 2008-2009	20812	35579	56391

* Other - This group relates to customers receiving multiple payments (eg, Double Orphans Pension plus Parenting Payment Single) where the Crisis Payment has been recorded against a payment other than those listed above.

Note: To qualify for Crisis Payment you must qualify for a payment in your own right.