ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question No: WR5

Topic: Number of potentially affected people under new income management scheme, by category of eligibility, location and gender

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Senator Siewert asked:

What is the total number of recipients of category E payments that could be affected by this legislation, for the NT and then across Australia—those that are capable of being impacted by this legislation?

Could you break it down to the number of category E recipients that in the 25 years and over category?

All categories that are identified. Could we have it by gender as well?

Answer:

Please note, all figures are approximate and at a point in time and subject to change.

Northern Territory

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Estimate of individuals less than 25 years old receiving category E payments

	Female	Male
	3400	2200
Total	**5600**	

Northern Territory
Estimate of individuals greater than or equal to 25 years old receiving category E payments

	Female	Male
	7800	6700
Total	**14500**	

Northern Territory
Total estimate of individuals receiving category E payments

	Female	Male
	11300	9000
Total	**20300**	

Across Australia (excluding the Northern Territory)

The Government has stated its intention to implement income management in selected disadvantaged regions across Australia in the *Policy Statement: Landmark Reform to the Welfare System, Reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act and Strengthening of the Northern Territory Emergency Response* on page 10:

> Further implementation will also be informed by other criteria including evidence of disadvantage in Australia and consideration of where income management could benefit families and individuals.

At this time, no additional locations have been announced and as such data projections on the numbers of people that may be affected are not able to be determined.