| **Table 64:** Description of child support compliance and enforcement activities | | | | |
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| **Activity** | **Description** | **Results** | | |
| Employer withholding from wages and salaries | The department may initiate this measure for both current liability and child support debt. | Active paying parents with employer withholding payments set up | | |
| **30 June 2012** | **30 June 2013** | **30 June 2014** |
| 65,910 | 63,924 | 63,982 |
| Deductions from Centrelink payments and DVA payments | These deductions may be made for both current liability and child support debt. | Amounts collected from Centrelink and DVA payments | | |
| **2011–12** | **2012–13** | **2013–14** |
| $25.1 million | $26.7 million | $28.9 million |
| Interception of tax refunds | A tax refund may be intercepted to pay some or all of a child support debt if other collection avenues have been unsuccessful. | Amounts collected through tax refund intercept activity | | |
| **2011–12** | **2012–13** | **2013–14** |
| $110.5 million | $116.4 million | $130.4 million |
| Enforcement of tax return lodgement | Customers may be referred to the ATO for investigation of non-lodgement of tax returns or attempts to avoid obligations by under-declaring incomes. | Number of income tax periods finalised Target: 105,000 | | |
| **2011–12** | **2012–13** | **2013–14** |
| **153,874** | **132,047** | **177,034** |
| Of these, the following were finalised as a result of tax return lodgement. (The remainder were finalised through ATO Default Assessments or Return Not Necessary determinations.) | | |
| 23,739 | 67,569 | 76,563 |
| Number of customers finalising all their outstanding tax obligations | | |
| 45,411 | 36,653 | 40,443 |
| Prohibition of departure from Australia | Departure Prohibition Orders preventing overseas travel are issued to customers who have not made satisfactory arrangements to clear substantial debts. | Amounts collected under Departure Prohibition Orders | | |
| **2011–12** | **2012–13** | **2013–14** |
| $4.2 million | $6.7 million | $6.2 million |
| Litigation | The department commences litigation targeting parents who repeatedly avoid paying their child support when other enforcement options have been unsuccessful and an assets or income stream is identified. | Amounts recovered through litigation activity | | |
| **2011–12** | **2012–13** | **2013–14** |
| $7.4 million | $4.1 million | $4.4 million |