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Data Descriptions

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**Source:** Department of Human Services Administrative data (DSS Extracts)

**Data Date:** Data as at the 26th of June 2015.

**Australian National Accounts:** National Income, Expenditure and Product: Table 34 Time Series Spreadsheets (cat. no. 5206.0)

**Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2011:** Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing, Table Builder, RA by AGESP - Age in Five Year Groups

**Glossary:**

**Age Group:** The age group of the recipient.

**Age of Youngest Child:** The age of the recipients youngest child.

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**Duration:** Duration refers to duration on Income Support and may not reflect duration on current payment type.

**Earnings:** Earnings refers to employment earnings reported in the last fortnight of the reported period.

**Expenditure:** Expenditure amount, as reported in the Department's Annual Report. '% of GDP' is the expenditure on the payment as a percentage of Australia's Gross Domestic Product (ABS data - see data source above).

**Indigenous:** Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as indigenous. This data may therefore represent an undercount.

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**Rate:** The rate of the recipients payment ('other' include those recipients who, as at the data date, were yet to be paid).

**State:** The State or Territory recorded in the recipient's address.