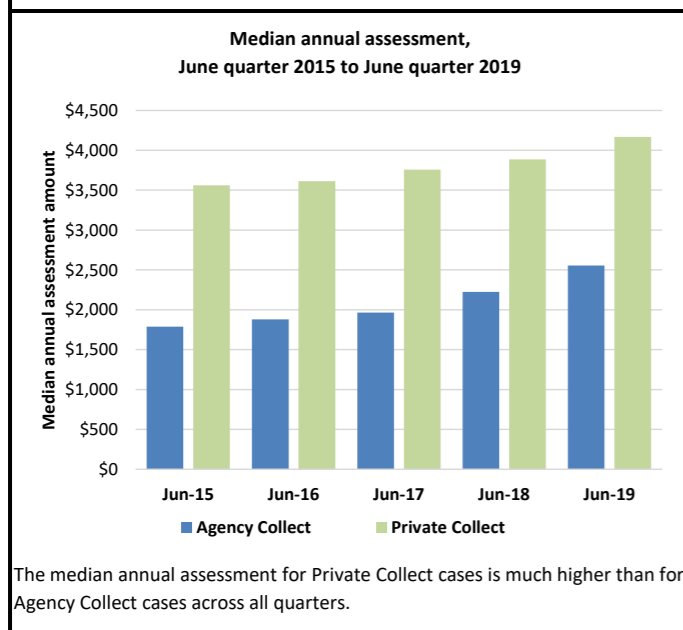
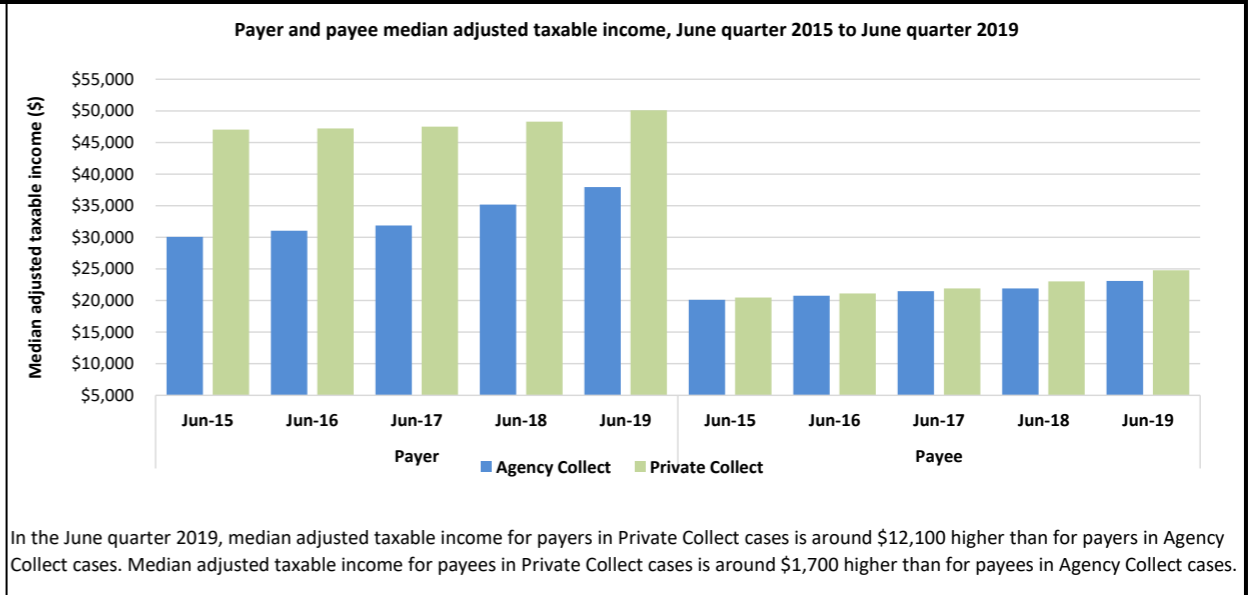
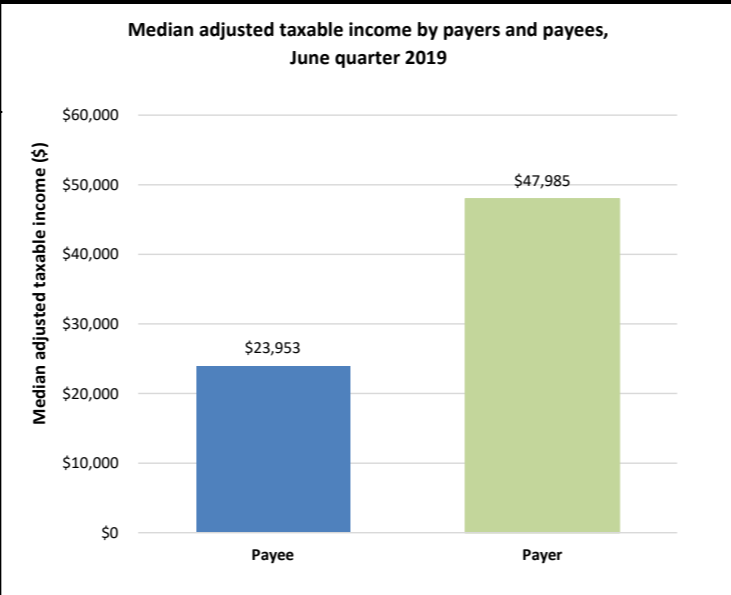


Child Support Program - June quarter 2019

About Child Support	Number of active child support cases, parents and children, June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2019	Percentage of child support cases by collection method, June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2019	Number of payers and payees, June quarter 2019																																																																																																																																						
<p>Child Support is a Private transfer between separated parents for the support of their child.</p> <p>The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parents share in the costs of supporting their children according to their capacity, - adequate support is available to all children not living with both parents, - Commonwealth involvement and expenditure is limited to the minimum necessary for ensuring children's needs are met, - work incentives for both parents to participate in the labour force are not impaired, and - the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient. <p>Cases that involve parents/carers who transfer child support through Services Australia are referred to as Agency Collect Cases. Cases that transfer child support by Private arrangement are referred to as Private Collect Cases.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Quick Facts</th> <th>Jun-15</th> <th>Jun-16</th> <th>Jun-17</th> <th>Jun-18</th> <th>Jun-19</th> <th>Change Jun-15 to Jun-19</th> <th>Change Jun-18 to Jun-19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Active Cases</td> <td>Agency Collect</td> <td>345,026</td> <td>343,207</td> <td>342,356</td> <td>341,778</td> <td>340,751</td> <td>-1.2%</td> <td>-0.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private Collect</td> <td>366,795</td> <td>359,487</td> <td>354,332</td> <td>350,265</td> <td>342,328</td> <td>-6.7%</td> <td>-2.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>711,821</td> <td>702,694</td> <td>696,688</td> <td>692,043</td> <td>683,079</td> <td>-4.0%</td> <td>-1.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Parents/carers *</td> <td>Agency Collect</td> <td>645,150</td> <td>642,356</td> <td>641,307</td> <td>640,381</td> <td>638,758</td> <td>-1.0%</td> <td>-0.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private Collect</td> <td>715,528</td> <td>701,162</td> <td>690,854</td> <td>682,428</td> <td>666,926</td> <td>-6.8%</td> <td>-2.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total*</td> <td>1,297,830</td> <td>1,281,655</td> <td>1,270,859</td> <td>1,262,072</td> <td>1,246,042</td> <td>-4.0%</td> <td>-1.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Children¹</td> <td>Agency Collect</td> <td>503,077</td> <td>501,749</td> <td>502,688</td> <td>503,944</td> <td>503,689</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>-0.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private Collect</td> <td>586,301</td> <td>575,735</td> <td>569,682</td> <td>562,899</td> <td>549,947</td> <td>-6.2%</td> <td>-2.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1,089,378</td> <td>1,077,484</td> <td>1,072,370</td> <td>1,066,843</td> <td>1,053,636</td> <td>-3.3%</td> <td>-1.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Payers</td> <td>Male</td> <td>573,208</td> <td>564,113</td> <td>557,563</td> <td>551,836</td> <td>542,710</td> <td>-5.3%</td> <td>-1.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>70,688</td> <td>70,937</td> <td>71,247</td> <td>71,005</td> <td>70,813</td> <td>0.2%</td> <td>-0.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total**</td> <td>660,217</td> <td>651,752</td> <td>646,430</td> <td>641,945</td> <td>633,815</td> <td>-4.0%</td> <td>-1.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Payees</td> <td>Male</td> <td>70,054</td> <td>70,199</td> <td>70,256</td> <td>69,832</td> <td>69,398</td> <td>-0.9%</td> <td>-0.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>572,896</td> <td>565,124</td> <td>559,418</td> <td>553,549</td> <td>544,146</td> <td>-5.0%</td> <td>-1.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total**</td> <td>656,557</td> <td>648,604</td> <td>643,229</td> <td>638,731</td> <td>630,621</td> <td>-4.0%</td> <td>-1.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>* A parent can be in both collection methods for different children. Therefore, the components won't add to total. ** Total includes payers and payees with no gender recorded.</small></p>	Quick Facts		Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	Jun-19	Change Jun-15 to Jun-19	Change Jun-18 to Jun-19	Active Cases	Agency Collect	345,026	343,207	342,356	341,778	340,751	-1.2%	-0.3%	Private Collect	366,795	359,487	354,332	350,265	342,328	-6.7%	-2.3%	Total	711,821	702,694	696,688	692,043	683,079	-4.0%	-1.3%	Parents/carers *	Agency Collect	645,150	642,356	641,307	640,381	638,758	-1.0%	-0.3%	Private Collect	715,528	701,162	690,854	682,428	666,926	-6.8%	-2.3%	Total*	1,297,830	1,281,655	1,270,859	1,262,072	1,246,042	-4.0%	-1.3%	Children ¹	Agency Collect	503,077	501,749	502,688	503,944	503,689	0.1%	-0.1%	Private Collect	586,301	575,735	569,682	562,899	549,947	-6.2%	-2.3%	Total	1,089,378	1,077,484	1,072,370	1,066,843	1,053,636	-3.3%	-1.2%	Payers	Male	573,208	564,113	557,563	551,836	542,710	-5.3%	-1.7%	Female	70,688	70,937	71,247	71,005	70,813	0.2%	-0.3%	Total**	660,217	651,752	646,430	641,945	633,815	-4.0%	-1.3%	Payees	Male	70,054	70,199	70,256	69,832	69,398	-0.9%	-0.6%	Female	572,896	565,124	559,418	553,549	544,146	-5.0%	-1.7%	Total**	656,557	648,604	643,229	638,731	630,621	-4.0%	-1.3%	<p style="text-align: center;">Percentage of child support cases</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Number of payers and payees, June quarter 2019</p>
Quick Facts		Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	Jun-19	Change Jun-15 to Jun-19	Change Jun-18 to Jun-19																																																																																																																																	
Active Cases	Agency Collect	345,026	343,207	342,356	341,778	340,751	-1.2%	-0.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Private Collect	366,795	359,487	354,332	350,265	342,328	-6.7%	-2.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Total	711,821	702,694	696,688	692,043	683,079	-4.0%	-1.3%																																																																																																																																	
Parents/carers *	Agency Collect	645,150	642,356	641,307	640,381	638,758	-1.0%	-0.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Private Collect	715,528	701,162	690,854	682,428	666,926	-6.8%	-2.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Total*	1,297,830	1,281,655	1,270,859	1,262,072	1,246,042	-4.0%	-1.3%																																																																																																																																	
Children ¹	Agency Collect	503,077	501,749	502,688	503,944	503,689	0.1%	-0.1%																																																																																																																																	
	Private Collect	586,301	575,735	569,682	562,899	549,947	-6.2%	-2.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Total	1,089,378	1,077,484	1,072,370	1,066,843	1,053,636	-3.3%	-1.2%																																																																																																																																	
Payers	Male	573,208	564,113	557,563	551,836	542,710	-5.3%	-1.7%																																																																																																																																	
	Female	70,688	70,937	71,247	71,005	70,813	0.2%	-0.3%																																																																																																																																	
	Total**	660,217	651,752	646,430	641,945	633,815	-4.0%	-1.3%																																																																																																																																	
Payees	Male	70,054	70,199	70,256	69,832	69,398	-0.9%	-0.6%																																																																																																																																	
	Female	572,896	565,124	559,418	553,549	544,146	-5.0%	-1.7%																																																																																																																																	
	Total**	656,557	648,604	643,229	638,731	630,621	-4.0%	-1.3%																																																																																																																																	

Parents by collection method and care arrangements, June quarter 2019				
Amount of Care	Agency Collect		Private Collect	
	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	233,546	1,857	193,865	3,166
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	63,841	404	89,742	984
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	25,683	25,873	49,482	49,551
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	402	63,839	986	89,784
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,797	233,932	3,131	194,376

The majority (around two-thirds) of payees have care of their child support child for at least 314 nights a year, whereas the majority (around two-thirds) of payers have care for less than 51 nights a year. Around 11% of child support parents have shared care arrangements. The number of Private Collect parents with a shared care arrangement is around double that of Agency Collect cases.

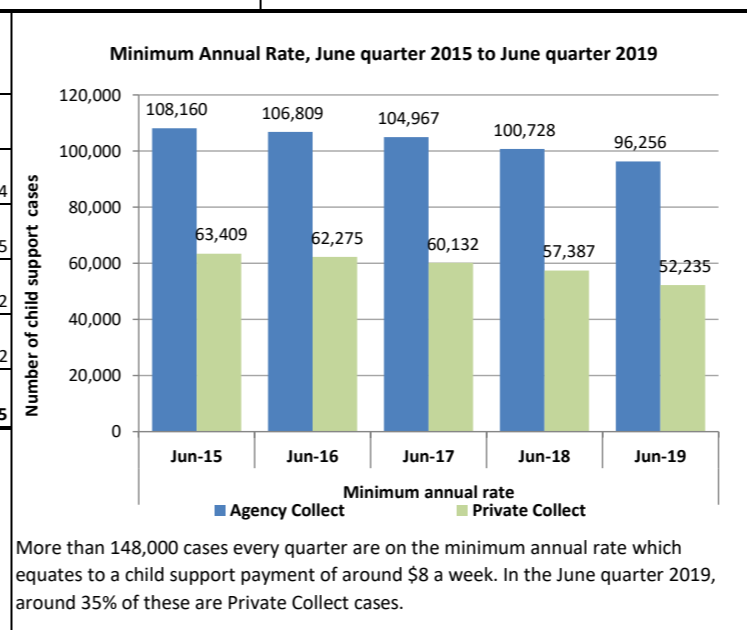


Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2019

Income type	Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	Jun-19
Declared taxable income	504,299	499,188	498,098	504,506	493,024
Default or derived income	98,517	97,781	97,373	94,974	97,535
Estimated income	58,132	55,552	51,244	42,941	43,632
No income details	984	948	1,416	1,031	972
Total ***	660,217	651,752	646,430	641,945	633,815

*** Payers in multiple cases can have different income for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.

Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of payers in active cases (around 77%) from June 2015 to June 2019 and the proportion has remained stable over this period.



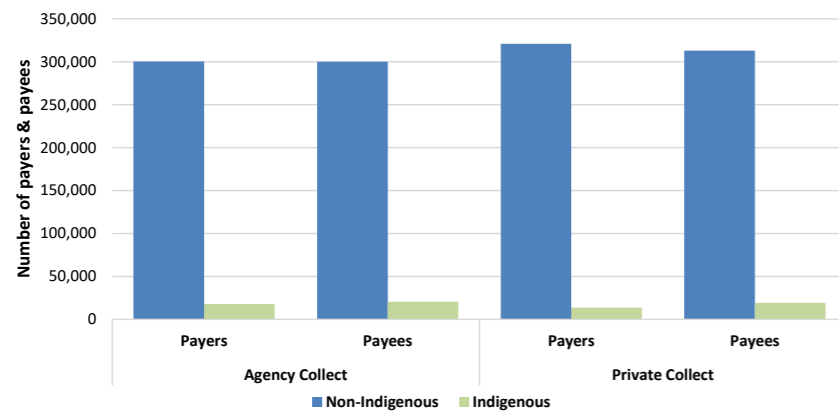
Number of child support cases by the annual rate payable, June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2019

Annual rate range	Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	Jun-19
\$0 - \$500	238,650	233,854	228,488	219,078	205,759
\$501 - \$2,000	80,273	78,288	76,848	76,250	73,796
\$2,001 - \$5,000	148,215	146,186	143,685	143,910	140,793
\$5,001 - \$10,000	143,117	143,213	143,450	144,943	148,332
\$10,001 - \$20,000	80,913	80,716	83,254	86,018	90,884
\$20,001 +	20,653	20,437	20,963	21,844	23,515
Total	711,821	702,694	696,688	692,043	683,079

The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has stayed relatively constant over the five years to June 2019, with 30% of cases (around 205,800) having an annual liability of \$0-\$500 in the June quarter 2019.

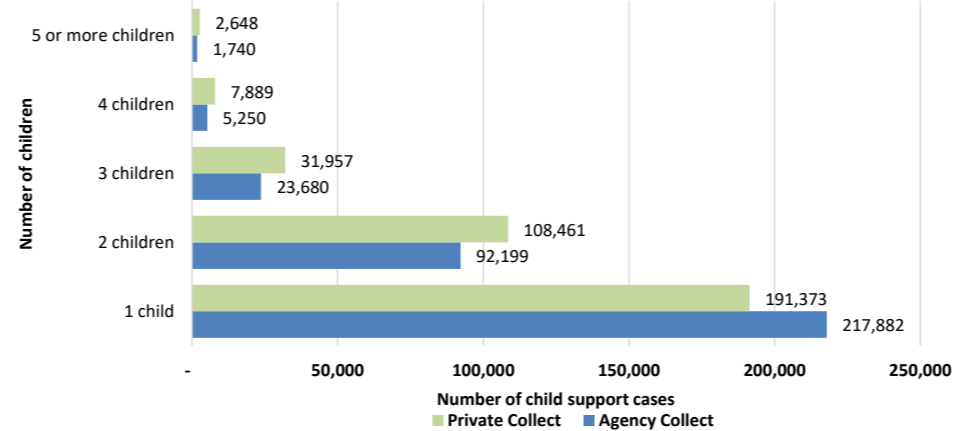
Child Support Program - June quarter 2019 (under embargo pending publication of the 2018-19 DSS Annual Report)

Indigenous status of payers and payees, June quarter 2019



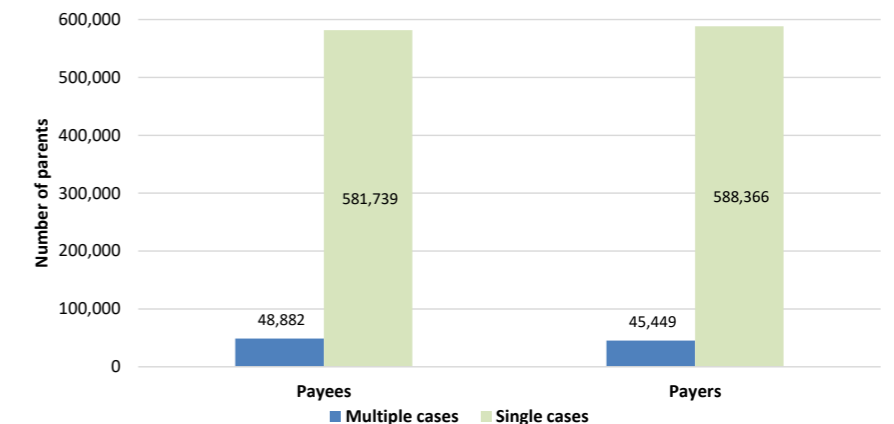
Around 6% of payees identify as Indigenous for both Agency Collect and Private Collect. Nearly 6% of payers in Agency Collect cases identify as Indigenous, compared to 4% of payers in Private Collect cases.

Number of cases by number of children in a case, June quarter 2019



The majority of both Agency Collect and Private Collect cases involve one child. Cases involving two or more children are more likely to be Private Collect cases.

Number of payers & payees involved in one or more child support cases, June quarter 2019



45,449 payers (7.2%) and 48,882 payees (7.8%) had more than one active case in the June quarter 2019.

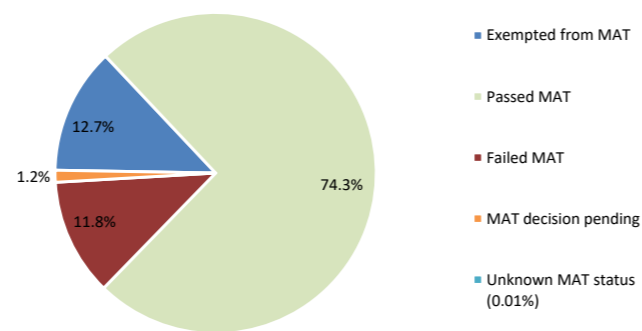
Number of children by age, June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2019 ****

		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	Jun-15	118,653	173,645	178,988	115,014
	Jun-16	114,176	170,567	177,251	113,741
	Jun-17	109,576	168,235	179,542	112,328
	Jun-18	105,308	165,202	182,592	109,790
	Jun-19	97,802	160,513	183,728	107,899
Agency Collect	Jun-15	61,696	140,461	176,867	124,051
	Jun-16	60,119	140,514	177,703	123,411
	Jun-17	58,582	140,146	181,196	122,764
	Jun-18	57,373	139,944	185,912	120,715
	Jun-19	55,883	138,655	189,654	119,497

**** There are children with missing age values. Therefore, row totals for a quarter may not match with the child population shown elsewhere.

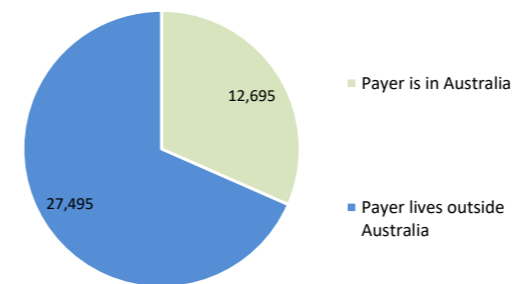
Agency Collect cases have a smaller number of children aged 0-4 years and a larger number involving 15 years and over, compared to Private Collect cases.

FTB Part A children by Maintenance Action Test (MAT) Category, June quarter 2019



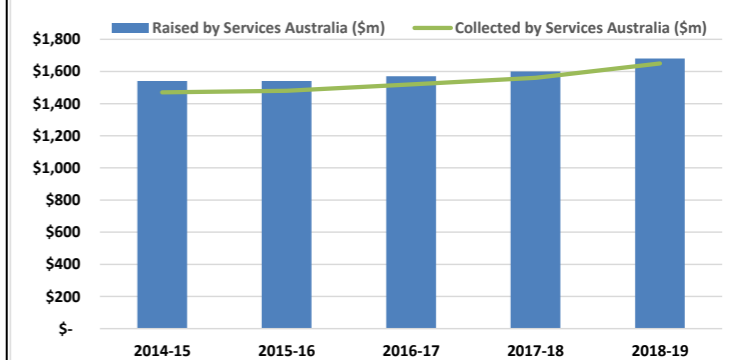
When parents separate, the child's primary carer is expected to seek financial support from the other parent. This is known as the Maintenance Action Test. If a parent does not take action they are limited to the base rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A. In certain circumstances parents may be exempt from the Maintenance Action Test. Percentages in this chart may not total 100 per cent due to rounding.

International child support cases by payer residency, June quarter 2019



In the June quarter 2019, there were 40,190 international child support cases. In 12,695 cases, a payer living in Australia sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 27,495 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to Australia. Source: Services Australia's International Business Area.

Amount of child support assessments raised and liabilities collected by Services Australia for Agency Collect cases, 2014-15 to 2018-19



In 2018-19, Services Australia collected \$1.65 billion in child support liabilities. In the same period, \$1.68 billion of child support assessments were raised.

Source:

Services Australia's Child Support Extract Data (CSED) unless stated otherwise. Data is based on the relationship case count, excludes spousal maintenance cases, and includes Agency Collect and Private Collect cases. These figures may not align with those published elsewhere, due to different reporting methodologies.

Notes:

- The number of children includes child support children only and excludes other dependent children.
- The data excludes 5,144 children in 2,814 cases for whom payer and payee care details cannot be determined (e.g. data invalid as it exceeds 365 care nights combined). As the care levels that payers and payees have for different children may vary, a payer or payee may be counted in more than one care level category.
- This figure includes child support received by Services Australia in the financial year for liabilities raised in previous years. The percentage collected for assessments raised in the financial year is not able to be calculated based on current available data.