Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 30 April 2021<sup>1</sup>

	Income Support Payment													
Cashless Debit Card region	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	Austudy	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension	JobSeeker Payment	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Partner Allowance	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Youth Allowance	Other Payments <sup>4</sup>	Total Participants	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	n.p.	171	578	51	139	0	0	0	66	0	1,050	74%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	72	328	878	74	305	0	0	0	95	<5	1,760	82%
Goldfields region WA	<5	<5	179	567	1,989	125	705	0	<5	0	192	<5	3,770	47%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	3,005	504	1,896	0	0	0	1,288	0	6,693	18%
Cape York region QLD <sup>2</sup>	0	0	<5	9	68	n.p.	17	0	0	0	0	15	118	96%
Northern Territory <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0%

## Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 30 April 2021

Community panels, or community bodies authorised under section 124PE of the *Social Security* (*Administration*) *Act 1999* (the Act), operate in the Ceduna SA region and the East Kimberley WA region, with the East Kimberley region having two community panels operating in Kununurra and Wyndham. The number of applications and the number of decisions may not be the same as sometimes people withdraw their application, or a decision may not have been made on an application at the time of extracting the data.

Community Panel (Body) decisions		Aŗ	proved	Not Approved		
	Applications	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	
Ceduna region SA	191	148	56%	43	67%	
East Kimberley region WA	52	15	n.p.	37	70%	

**Table 3.** When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

## Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 30 April 2021

If being a CDC program participant would pose a serious risk to a person's mental, physical or emotional wellbeing, the Secretary of the Department of Social Services (or delegate) can exempt the person from participating in the program. The Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) considers when participants in Cape York region commence and cease to participate in the CDC Program. As such, information on Wellbeing exemptions in the Cape York region is not presented in this table.

		Аррі	roved	Not Approved		
Well-Being Exemptions	Applications	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
		Number	Indigenous	Number	Indigenous	
Ceduna region SA	45	33	18%	12	50%	
East Kimberley region WA	52	35	57%	17	59%	
Goldfields region WA	163	114	19%	49	20%	
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	55	23	22%	32	n.p.	
Northern Territory	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	

**Table 4.** When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

## Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 30 April 2021 by Original Community Group

A person for whom it is compulsory to be on the CDC can apply to exit the program. They may be granted an exit if they can demonstrate reasonable and responsible management of their affairs, including financial affairs. The FRC considers when participants in the Cape York region commence and cease to participate in the CDC Program. As such, information on Exits in the Cape York region is not presented in this table.

Exits	Applications	Approved			Not Approved	Withdrawn <sup>6</sup>		
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	
Ceduna region SA	127	26	27%	48	58%	41	61%	
East Kimberley region WA	199	20	40%	93	80%	66	79%	
Goldfields region WA	556	132	14%	229	44%	154	35%	
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	896	194	6%	339	14%	277	16%	
Northern Territory	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Not Eligible to Apply⁵	11	0	0%	0	0%	8	n.p.	

## Notes

Additional information on legislation, CDC, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can be found in the CDC metadata update.

- 1. Table 1 only shows CDC participants actively receiving a trigger payment by location. Participants not receiving a trigger payment due to temporary or permanent cancellation, transition between payment types or having recently aged out of eligibility for their CDC region at the time of data extraction are not included in the data.
- 2. Participants in the Cape York region were transitioned from Income Management onto the CDC based on referral arrangements managed by the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC).
- 3. Income Management participants in the Northern Territory are now able to transition to the CDC if they choose to do so.
- 4. Individuals in the 'other payments' column are not on a category P payment and may be have volunteered to be on the CDC program (section 124PH of the Act), or placed on by referral from the FRC.
- 5. 'Not Eligible to Apply' These applications were submitted by individuals who are not on the CDC program, or who have volunteered and may exit at any time, or who are under referral from the FRC and therefore not eligible to exit the program in this way.
- 6. 'Withdrawn' also includes applications withdrawn due to participants no longer being eligible for the exit process at the time of decision, for reasons such as no longer being on the program.