

OCI INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

	Number of Assessments					
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Assessments Initiated	230	844	62,240	50,342	94,754	8,993
Assessments Completed - Without Debt ¹	1	45	156	14,216	11,973	9,954
Assessments Completed - With Debt ^{1,2,7}	10	192	599	47,218	44,789	38,360
	Number of Debts					
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Number of Debts Raised ²	10	194	618	47,785	45,501	39,174
Debt Reduced to Zero ³	0	0	11	227	1,307	1,330
Debt Reduced non-Zero ³	1	2	19	307	1,846	2,120
Debt Amount Increased ³	0	1	4	25	274	202
Recovery Fee Applied ⁴	8	104	379	33,543	34,175	29,085
Debts Waived and/or Written Off permanently ^{3, 5, 6}	0	3	31	1,816	1,862	1,851

¹ The month relates to the date completed so there will be a lag affect between when assessments were initiated and when they were completed.

² One Assessment can lead to multiple debts if the recipient has been the beneficiary of different types of income support payments

³ The month the change is reported is the month the reassessment or review of the debt was completed which may be different to the month the debt was raised.

⁴ A recovery fee can be applied to debts for working age recipients where they have not provided information about their income, and they have not provided a reasonable explanation. Some debts may have the recovery fee removed at a later date if the recipient provides information that demonstrates they had a reasonable explanation.

⁵ Social Welfare debt may be waived due to being not cost effective to pursue (under \$50), an administrative error or in special and unusual circumstances.

⁶ A permanent write-off may be applicable in some cases, for example, when the recipient is deceased or has been declared bankrupt.

⁷ Assessments completed with a debt include debts that have been zeroed at a later date.