

Priority investment approach research DSS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	650525
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018
DSS type:	Data Set Specification (DSS)
Scope:	<p>The Priority Investment Approach (PIA) research data set specification (DSS) defines longitudinal social security information related to Centrelink recipients and their partners. The information defined includes information related to entitlements to benefits, payment information and demographic details (for example, sex, Indigenous status, refugee status and date of birth).</p> <p>A Centrelink recipient is a person to whom an Australian Government Centrelink benefit is provided.</p> <p>A person is considered to be a recipient's partner if the person and recipient live together, or usually live together, and are: married, or in a registered relationship (opposite-sex or same-sex), or in a de facto relationship (opposite-sex or same-sex).</p> <p>The data set does not include information relating to the Child Care Benefit (CCB) or Child Care Rebate (CCR).</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The PIA research DSS allows for analysis of Centrelink benefits for recipients from 2001 to 2015. The variables cover the transition between activity testing (ongoing reporting requirement) and manifest benefit types (granted without the need for further assessment), including other benefit types such as the sources of eligibility.</p> <p>Administrative data within the PIA research DSS have been collected for the purpose of recording service delivery activities, to account for the expenditure of government revenue in the form of payments and services.</p> <p>Demographic data within the PIA research DSS have been collected as administrative data items that are related to the eligibility rules for a specific benefit. The existence of demographic data for all benefit types and periods of time is limited to the benefit described in the data set.</p> <p>Recipients may continue to be eligible for benefits due to grandfathering provisions of relevant legislation.</p> <p>Centrelink recipients are classified by the benefit type they received at the end of each quarter, that is, they may have been in receipt of other benefit types earlier in the quarter but are recorded against the latest benefit type for reporting purposes.</p> <p>This data set has been reconciled against other Department of Social Services' data sets drawn from the same data and is fit for research purposes.</p>
Collection methods:	<p>Data for the PIA research DSS are collected from Department of Human Services (DHS) forms and online data systems and stored in the DHS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) for analysis and reporting.</p> <p>The EDW collects data for a two-week period. Some variables use the last two-week period or an aggregate of the three month period as the basis for their values.</p>

Comments: The Australian Priority Investment Approach Longitudinal Income Support Administrative Dataset defines longitudinal social security data from the DHS EDW.

The investment approach to welfare supports the work done to implement the recommendations of the review of Australia's welfare system - the McClure Review. Data about the triggers that affect a person's transitions through the social support system have been collected in the form of the PIA research DSS.

The underlying criteria for this data set is subject to legislative review over the period of this data collection.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Social Services

Reference documents: Department of Human Services 2016. A guide to Australian Government payments 1 July–19 September 2016. Viewed 19 July 2016, <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/sites/default/files/co029-1607en.pdf>.

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Accommodation Cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Household—rent frequency, code XXX	Conditional	1
	<i>Conditional obligation:</i>		
	Conditional on the household renting.		
	<i>DSS specific information:</i>		
	Household rent frequency refers to the variable HH_RENT_FREQ_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
-	Household—rent payer, code A	Conditional	1
	<i>Conditional obligation:</i>		
	Conditional on the household renting.		
	<i>DSS specific information:</i>		
	The variable RENT_PAYER_CODE from the PIA research DSS is used to capture the rent payer in the household.		
-	Household—weekly rent paid, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN	Conditional	1
	<i>Conditional obligation:</i>		
	Conditional on the household renting.		
	<i>DSS specific information:</i>		
	Weekly household rent amount refers to the variable WEEKLY_HH_RENT_AMT in the PIA research data set.		
	'Total household rent amount' is used to create the derived variable, but is not included in the PIA research data set.		
	For the PIA research DSS the Guide for use information is not applicable.		

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-	Recipient—government subtenant status, code AAA Conditional obligation: Conditional on the household renting. DSS specific information: The variable GOVT_SUBTENANT_CODE from the PIA research DSS is used to capture whether the recipient is a sub-tenant in accommodation where the primary tenant pays a subsidised rental for public housing.	Conditional	1
-	Recipient—home ownership status, code A DSS specific information: The variable HOME_CODE from the PIA research DSS is used to capture home ownership status.	Mandatory	1
-	Recipient—rent frequency, code XXX Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient renting. DSS specific information: The variable HH_RENT_FREQ_CODE from the PIA research DSS is used to capture household rent frequency.	Conditional	1
-	Recipient—rent type, code AAA Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient renting. DSS specific information: The variable RENT_TYPE_CODE from the PIA research DSS is used to capture rent type.	Conditional	1
-	Recipient—type of shared accommodation, code AAA DSS specific information: Type of shared accommodation refers to the variable ACCOM_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1

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-	Recipient—weekly rent paid, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient renting. DSS specific information: Weekly rent amount refers to the variable WEEKLY_RENT_AMT in the PIA research data set. ‘Total recipient rent amount’ is used to create the derived variable, but is not included in the data set. For the PIA research DSS the Guide for use information is not applicable.	Conditional	1
-	Children Cluster Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having dependent children.	Conditional	1
1	Recipient—family tax benefit child, total number N[N] Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit. DSS specific information: Number of Family Tax Benefit children refers to the variable NUM_FTB_CHILD in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 children may be recorded.	Conditional	1
2	Recipient—youngest family tax benefit child date of birth, MMYYYY Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit. DSS specific information: Youngest Family Tax Benefit child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_FTB_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
3	Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N] Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time. DSS specific information: Number of regular care children refers to the variable NUM_RCC_CHILD in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 children may be recorded.	Conditional	1

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4	Recipient—youngest regular care child date of birth, MMYYYY	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.		
	DSS specific information:		
	Youngest regular care child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_RCC_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.		
5	Recipient—Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator refers to the variable FTB_DOP_ELIG_IND in the PIA research data set.		
6	Recipient—multiple birth indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Multiple birth indicator refers to the variable MUL_BIRTH_ELIG_IND in the PIA research data set.		
-	Demographics Cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Person—citizenship country, code AA	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Although an individual can have up to 7 citizenships, the PIA research DSS only displays the first country of citizenship. This country has been aggregated to Australia, New Zealand or Other.		
	Country of citizenship refers to the variable CITIZENSHIP in the PIA research data set.		
-	Person—citizenship country, total number N	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Only whole numbers between 1 and 7 inclusive can be recorded for this data element.		
	Number of citizenships refers to the variable CTZN_NUMBER in the PIA research data set.		
-	Person—citizenship date of effect, MMYYYY	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Citizenship date of effect refers to the variable CTRY_CTZN_DOE in the PIA research data set.		

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-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN <i>DSS specific information:</i> Country of birth refers to the variable BIRTH_CTRY_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—country of residence, code (SACC 2016) NNNN <i>DSS specific information:</i> Country of residence refers to the variable ADDR_CTRY_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—date of birth, MMYYYY <i>DSS specific information:</i> An abbreviated date of birth (MMYYYY) is used to protect the privacy of recipients. Date of birth refers to the variable DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—date of death, MMYYYY <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on the death flag indicating a person's death. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Date of death refers to the variable DOD_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code A <i>DSS specific information:</i> Indigenous status refers to the variable INDIG_STS in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—marital status, recipient code AAA <i>DSS specific information:</i> Marital status refers to the variable MARITAL_STS_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—partner refugee indicator, yes/missing code A <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on a person having a partner. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Partner refugee indicator refers to the variable PTNR_REFUGEE_STS in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1

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-	Person—partner's country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN Conditional obligation: Conditional on a person having a partner. DSS specific information: Partner's country of birth refers to the variable PTNR_BIRTH_CTRY_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
-	Person—partner's date of birth, MMYYYY Conditional obligation: Conditional on a person having a partner. DSS specific information: Partner's date of birth refers to the variable PTNR_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
-	Person—partner's Indigenous status, code A Conditional obligation: Conditional on a person having a partner. DSS specific information: Partner's Indigenous status refers to the variable PTN_INDIG_STS in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
-	Person—partner's sex/gender, code A Conditional obligation: Conditional on a person having a partner. DSS specific information: Partner's sex/gender refers to the variables PTNR_GENDER in the PIA research data set. The data are collected as 'sex' but interpreted as 'gender'. Values may change over time if an individual's gender identity alters during their lifetime.	Conditional	1
-	Person—preferred spoken language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN] DSS specific information: Preferred spoken language refers to the variables LANG_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—preferred written language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN] DSS specific information: Preferred written language refers to the variables PEF_LANG_LANG in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1

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-	Person—refugee indicator, yes/missing code A DSS specific information: Refugee indicator refers to the variable REFUGEE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Person—sex/gender, code A DSS specific information: Sex/gender refers to the variable GENDER in the PIA research data set. The data are collected as 'sex' but interpreted as 'gender'. Values may change over time if an individual's gender identity alters during their lifetime.	Mandatory	1
-	Disability Cluster Conditional obligation: Conditional on the person being a recipient of, or an applicant for, a Disability Support Pension or Sickness allowance.	Conditional	1
1	Recipient—primary medical condition, code AAA DSS specific information: Primary medical condition refers to the variable PRMY_MED_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
2	Recipient—impairment rating for first medical condition, code N[N] DSS specific information: Impairment rating for first medical condition refers to the variable IMPRMT_RATE1 in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
3	Recipient—impairment rating for second medical condition, code N[N] Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having a second medical condition. DSS specific information: Impairment rating for second medical condition refers to the variable IMPRMT_RATE2 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
4	Recipient—impairment rating for third medical condition, code N[N] Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having a third medical condition. DSS specific information: Impairment rating for third medical condition refers to the variable IMPRMT_RATE3 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1

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5	Recipient—impairment rating for fourth medical condition, code N[N] <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on the recipient having a fourth medical condition. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Impairment rating for fourth medical condition refers to the variable IMPRMT_RATE4 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
6	Recipient—impairment rating for fifth medical condition, code N[N] <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on the recipient having a fifth medical condition. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Impairment rating for fifth medical condition refers to the variable IMPRMT_RATE5 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
7	Recipient—medical condition, total impairment rating NN[N] <i>DSS specific information:</i> Total impairment rating of medical conditions refers to the variable TOT_IMPRMT_RATE in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
8	Recipient—primary medical condition, permanency code A	Mandatory	1
9	Recipient—permanency of first medical condition, code A <i>DSS specific information:</i> Permanency of primary medical condition refers to the variable PERM_CODE1 in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
10	Recipient—permanency of second medical condition, code A <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on the recipient having a second medical condition. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Permanency of second medical condition refers to the variable PERM_CODE2 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
11	Recipient—permanency of third medical condition, code A <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on the recipient having a third medical condition. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Permanency of third medical condition refers to the variable PERM_CODE3 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1

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12	Recipient—permanency of fourth medical condition, code A Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having a fourth medical condition. DSS specific information: Permanency of third medical condition refers to the variable PERM_CODE4 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
13	Recipient—permanency of fifth medical condition, code A Conditional obligation: Conditional on the recipient having a fifth medical condition. DSS specific information: Permanency of fifth medical condition refers to the variable PERM_CODE5 in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
14	Recipient—type of work capacity assessment, employment services/job capacity assessment code AAA Conditional obligation: Conditional on a work capacity assessment being undertaken. DSS specific information: Job capacity/employment services assessment refers to the variable JCA_ESA_CODE in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
15	Recipient—assessment report, date MMYYYY Conditional obligation: Conditional on a work capacity assessment being undertaken. DSS specific information: This data element may be completed twice, once for an Employment Services Assessment and once for a Job Capacity Assessment. Assessment report date of effect refers to the variable ASS_RPT_DATE_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	2
16	Recipient—work capacity assessment before intervention, total hours XX[XXX] Conditional obligation: Conditional upon an intervention being carried out. DSS specific information: Work capacity assessment before intervention refers to the variable PM_BASE_WORK_CAP in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1

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17	Recipient—work capacity assessment with intervention, total hours XX[XXX] <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional upon an intervention being carried out. <i>DSS specific information:</i> Work capacity assessment with intervention refers to the variable PM_CAP_WITH_INTRVN in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
18	Recipient—blindness indicator, code A <i>DSS specific information:</i> Blindness indicator refers to the variable BLIND_IND in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
19	Recipient—blindness start date, MYYYY <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Conditional on a 'Yes' response to Recipient—blindness indicator, code A . <i>DSS specific information:</i> Blindness start date refers to the variable BLIND_START_DATE in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
-	Income and Assets Cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Recipient—continuous earning source, total number N[N] <i>DSS specific information:</i> Number of continuous earning sources refers to the variable NUM_OF_CON_EARN_SOURCE in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 continuous earning sources may be recorded.	Mandatory	1
-	Recipient—continuous earnings, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN <i>DSS specific information:</i> Total quarterly continuous earnings refers to the variable TOT_QTR_CON_EARNINGS in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1
-	Recipient—one-time earning source, total number N[N] <i>DSS specific information:</i> Number of one-time earning sources refers to the variable NUM_OF_IOP_EARN_SOURCE in the PIA research data set. Up to 16 one-time earning sources may be recorded.	Mandatory	1

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-	Recipient—one-time earnings, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Total of one-time earnings refers to the variable TOT_QTR_IOP_EARNINGS in the PIA research data set.		
-	Income support information Cluster	Mandatory	1
1	Recipient—identifier, scrambled customer reference number N(9)	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Scrambled customer reference number refers to the variable SCRAMBLED_PERSON_ID in the PIA research data set.		
2	Recipient—Centrelink benefit type, code AAA	Mandatory	99
	DSS specific information:		
	Centrelink benefit type refers to the variable BEN_TYPE_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
3	Recipient—benefit status, code A	Mandatory	2
	DSS specific information:		
	Benefit status refers to the variables BEN_STS_CODE and STS_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
4	Recipient—partner identifier, scrambled customer reference number N(9)	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on a person having a partner.		
	DSS specific information:		
	Scrambled partner's identifier CRN refers to the variable SCRAMBLED_PTNR_PERSON_ID in the PIA research data set.		
5	Recipient—partner's Centrelink benefit type, code AAA	Conditional	99
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on a person having a partner.		
	DSS specific information:		
	Partner's Centrelink benefit type refers to the variable PTNR_BEN_TYPE_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
6	Recipient—carer allowance entitlement indicator, yes/missing code A	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Carer allowance entitlement indicator refers to the variables FTB_CDA_ELIG_IND and CDA in the PIA research data set.		

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7	Recipient—reason for payment suspension, code AAA	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on 'Suspended' being recorded for Recipient—benefit status, code A .		
	DSS specific information:		
	Reason for payment suspension refers to the variable RSN_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
-	Location Cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Refers to the postcode of the recipient.		
-	Person—area of usual residence, Australian state/territory code AA[A]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	State or territory of usual residence refers to the variable ADDR_STATE_CODE in the PIA research data set.		
-	Reporting period Cluster	Mandatory	1
1	Recipient—reporting period start date, DDAAAYYY	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	This data element refers to the start date for the quarter.		
	Extract start date refers to the variable QTR_START_DATE in the PIA research data set.		
2	Recipient—reporting period end date, DDAAAYYY	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	This data element refers to the end date for the quarter.		
	Extract end date refers to the variable QTR_END_DATE in the PIA research data set.		
-	Recipient—level of educational attainment, code XXX	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation:		
	Conditional on the recipient receiving Youth Allowance (student or apprentice), AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY and who are not in receipt of other income support.		
	DSS specific information:		
	Level of educational attainment by the recipient refers to the variable EDU_LVL_ATTAIN_CODE in the PIA research data set.		