

**Table 14(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 2001 to 2006**

<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006</b>													
<b>No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)</b>		<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
<i>General Safety Net</i>	<b>2001</b>	6	99	759	4,031	15,352	36,075	71,296	116,959	166,353	222,988	279,492	322,495
	<b>2002</b>	20	146	892	5,003	19,338	43,327	82,920	130,047	182,385	241,606	296,765	370,849
	<b>2003</b>	2	118	913	4,716	18,001	41,097	81,956	130,835	189,662	251,872	309,951	388,470
	<b>2004</b>	4	116	1,060	6,401	23,052	54,490	101,357	160,079	224,070	287,873	355,853	406,950
	<b>2005</b>	14	105	746	5,316	21,006	50,205	92,048	150,078	212,929	278,811	347,239	435,505
	<b>2006</b>	10	42	525	3,058	14,362	32,581						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	<b>2001</b>	26	840	7,398	31,939	105,479	210,330	360,020	525,800	685,048	857,124	1,010,809	1,125,886
	<b>2002</b>	49	831	7,424	39,317	129,933	253,499	425,674	601,535	771,197	948,970	1,100,385	1,287,988
	<b>2003</b>	15	471	6,866	36,091	123,083	245,827	426,519	605,363	797,715	981,714	1,139,972	1,341,819
	<b>2004</b>	38	626	8,354	47,061	145,915	299,957	489,965	692,038	885,845	1,064,758	1,237,305	1,362,093
	<b>2005</b>	25	623	6,750	44,142	149,698	308,258	490,356	701,372	897,320	1,080,361	1,256,569	1,465,534
	<b>2006</b>	9	380	4,773	24,803	107,274	215,665						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	<b>2001</b>	3	73	385	1,533	4,492	8,387	13,923	19,904	24,928	30,621	34,672	37,532
	<b>2002</b>	18	104	506	1,949	5,895	10,822	17,090	23,329	29,268	35,491	40,219	45,351
	<b>2003</b>	0	47	503	1,949	5,907	10,950	18,906	26,444	34,126	40,774	46,532	52,407
	<b>2004</b>	10	47	503	2,806	8,028	15,370	23,839	32,635	40,548	47,422	53,838	57,872
	<b>2005</b>	7	63	500	2,842	8,427	16,557	25,806	36,471	46,012	54,548	61,415	68,161
	<b>2006</b>	2	24	311	1,506	6,124	11,599						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2001</b>	35	1,012	8,542	37,503	125,323	254,792	445,239	662,663	876,329	1,110,733	1,324,973	1,485,913
	<b>2002</b>	87	1,081	8,822	46,269	155,166	307,648	525,684	754,911	982,850	1,226,067	1,437,369	1,704,188
	<b>2003</b>	17	636	8,282	42,756	146,991	297,874	527,381	762,642	1,021,503	1,274,360	1,496,455	1,782,696
	<b>2004</b>	52	789	9,917	56,268	176,995	369,817	615,161	884,752	1,150,463	1,400,053	1,646,996	1,826,915
	<b>2005</b>	46	791	7,996	52,300	179,131	375,020	608,210	887,921	1,156,261	1,413,720	1,665,223	1,969,200
	<b>2006</b>	21	446	5,609	29,367	127,760	259,845						

# SAFETY NET CARDS ISSUED DUE TO REMOTE FAMILY MEMBERS OR ON LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL CARD

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN003)