

**Table 14(b): Safety Net Card Issues - Number of Cards, 2001 to 2006**

<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006</b>													
<b>No OF CARDS (cumulative per 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>	3	51	355	1,921	7,333	17,175	33,704	55,123	78,187	104,767	131,527	152,198
	<b>2002</b>	7	77	426	2,399	9,209	20,618	39,441	61,583	86,156	114,208	140,832	177,159
	<b>2003</b>	1	64	444	2,237	8,708	19,796	39,488	62,815	90,864	121,138	149,434	189,047
	<b>2004</b>	2	48	525	3,092	11,229	26,556	49,211	78,190	109,447	140,971	174,531	200,311
	<b>2005</b>	8	53	365	2,582	10,151	24,319	44,686	72,771	103,020	134,891	168,475	212,411
	<b>2006</b>	5	23	251	1,392	6,956	15,777						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	<b>2001</b>	14	404	3,684	16,559	56,263	115,263	200,665	298,037	393,349	499,156	595,837	669,612
	<b>2002</b>	22	415	3,655	20,584	70,167	139,612	239,043	343,030	445,801	556,234	652,558	775,211
	<b>2003</b>	8	324	3,571	19,162	66,782	135,796	240,806	347,212	464,213	579,420	680,297	813,337
	<b>2004</b>	21	321	4,271	24,729	79,388	167,120	278,187	401,306	521,242	635,033	747,133	829,714
	<b>2005</b>	14	311	3,488	23,377	81,229	171,078	277,872	404,702	526,277	642,067	755,175	892,059
	<b>2006</b>	6	184	2,445	12,882	57,349	117,241						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	<b>2001</b>	1	24	164	678	2,081	3,890	6,412	9,134	11,456	14,028	15,882	17,174
	<b>2002</b>	5	40	217	890	2,756	5,078	7,999	10,875	13,602	16,415	18,583	20,907
	<b>2003</b>	0	18	218	889	2,760	5,150	8,721	12,213	15,744	18,791	21,395	24,054
	<b>2004</b>	2	17	223	1,306	3,823	7,344	11,345	15,541	19,225	22,395	25,319	27,126
	<b>2005</b>	2	21	221	1,328	3,987	7,854	12,233	17,214	21,613	25,487	28,575	31,576
	<b>2006</b>	1	11	140	701	2,922	5,551						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2001</b>	18	479	4,203	19,158	65,677	136,328	240,781	362,294	482,992	617,951	743,246	838,984
	<b>2002</b>	34	532	4,298	23,873	82,132	165,308	286,483	415,488	545,559	686,857	811,973	973,277
	<b>2003</b>	9	406	4,233	22,288	78,250	160,742	289,015	422,240	570,821	719,349	851,126	1,026,438
	<b>2004</b>	25	386	5,019	29,127	94,440	201,020	338,743	495,037	649,914	798,399	946,983	1,057,151
	<b>2005</b>	24	385	4,074	27,287	95,367	203,251	334,791	494,687	650,910	802,445	952,225	1,136,046
	<b>2006</b>	12	218	2,836	14,975	67,227	138,569						

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

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN002)