

1 Introduction

This publication is one of eight state and territory supplements that accompany the Series 11 (2005–06) annual national report on the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection. The annual report provides an overview of assistance given to clients of agencies funded through SAAP.

The tables and charts included in this supplement are generally similar to those in the national report but relate to Western Australia only. To assist the reader, a glossary of terms is included at the beginning of this report. Further information to aid readers in interpreting the tables is given in Appendix 1 of the national report. Included in that appendix are:

- an overview of the Client Collection and its data
- general notes to tables
- an explanation of the weighting system used to adjust the data for agency non-participation and client non-consent
- counting rules used in the tables
- a guide to interpreting the tables. In particular, two example tables with explanatory notes demonstrate how to interpret data presented in the different types of tables in the report.

Appendix 1 to this supplementary report provides additional information relevant only to the interpretation of tables for Western Australia. Appendix 2 contains a copy of the client form used to collect data in 2005–06.

Data presented here primarily relate to the financial year ending 30 June 2006. In addition, a number of tables contain data for the 10 years that the National Data Collection has been conducted (see Chapter 9). It must be noted that, in 2005–06, the SAAP Core Data Set was introduced. This involved changes to some of the key definitions used in the National Data Collection, including support periods, clients, accompanying child support periods and accompanying children. In addition new questions were added, some questions were deleted or adjusted (that is, deletion and/or addition of categories), and a new statistical linkage key was introduced. This has effectively meant a break in the Client Collection data series. Please refer to the national report for further detail.

Estimates in this report are subject to revision. Revised tables, along with the reports themselves, are posted on the web site of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare <www.aihw.gov.au>. Regional tables and counts for all data items collected are available in hard copy or electronic format on request from the National Data Collection Agency, which is managed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (ndca@aihw.gov.au).

