Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 127

Topic: Age Pension

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of the number of recipients of the senior supplement that were holders of the Commonwealth seniors health card, how many were DVA cardholders and how many recipients received a single payment?

Answer:

As at December 2012, there were 293,525 holders of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card who received the Seniors Supplement. Of those, 6,083 were DVA Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders.

Of the 287,442 cardholders with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, 68,719 received the single rate of Seniors Supplement.

Of the 6,083 cardholders with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 3,612 received the single rate of Seniors Supplement.