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

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 304

Topic: Carers Income Support

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Senator Fifield asked:

By month, between October 2012 and February 2013 how many people applied for a) Carer Payment (Adult) b) Carer Payment (Child) c) Carer Allowance (Adult) d) Carer Allowance (Child). How many were rejected in that period?

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Carer Payment and Carer Allowance finalised claims and rejections for each four week period between October 2012 and February 2013. Data is not available for a) Carer Payment (Adult) b) Carer Payment (Child) c) Carer Allowance (Adult) and d) Carer Allowance (Child) separately.

	Carer Payment		Carer Allowance	
4 weeks ending	Finalised	Rejections	Finalised	Rejections
	claims		claims	
19 October 2012	6,401	2,350	12,010	3,183
16 November 2012	6,908	2,366	12,448	3,371
14 December 2012	7,683	2,738	12,867	3,539
11 January 2013	5,296	1,995	7,509	2,291
8 February 2013	6,488	2,441	10,452	3,027