Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 11 Question No: 348

Topic: Newstart Allowance - Duration of Payment

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Senator Siewert asked:

Provide details of Newstart Allowance recipients aged over 50 by duration on payment: 6 months, 12 months, 12-24 months; 24-36 months, 36-48 months and over 48 months.

Answer:

The following table provides Newstart Allowance recipients aged over 50 by duration on payment as at 27 December 2013.

| Duration on Newstart Allowance | Recipients aged over 50 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <6 months | 36,249 |
| 6 months -<12 months | 33,603 |
| 12 months -<24 months | 36,366 |
| 24 months -<36 months | 21,728 |
| 36 months -<48 months | 14,594 |
| 48 months + | 39,459 |
| Total | 181,999 |

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.