

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 371

Topic: Pension Work Bonus

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of recipients of the Pension Work Bonus by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous status;
- f. reported hours of work undertaken;
- g. reported income from employment; and
- h. other payments received.

Answer:

a. to e. The Work Bonus is an income test concession that applies to all pensioners over age pension age who receive an income from employment. As at 31 December 2013, 90,078 Age Pension recipients had employment income. Breakdowns by the requested characteristics for Age Pension recipients who had employment income in the fortnight ending 31 December 2013 can be found in **Attachment A** or are listed below.

f. Information is not collected about the amount of hours worked by Age Pension recipients.

g. The average income received from employment of Age Pension recipients with income received from employment was \$686 per fortnight.

h. For Age Pension recipients with income from employment the average income from other payments received was \$13 per fortnight.

Note: "Income from other payments received" is income sourced neither from employment nor assets and may include income from foreign pensions and assessed income from other government payments.