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Question No: 424

Topic: Carer Payment

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Payment by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. sex;
- d. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- e. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- f. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- g. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- h. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- i. reported hours of work undertaken;
- j. reported income from employment;
- k. reported income from other assets; and
- l. other payments received.

Answer:

The tables below provide the number of Carer Payment recipients as at December 2013 by:

a. Age;

Age	Number
0-24	9,788
25-34	22,823
35-44	42,693
45-54	57,479
55-64	68,705
65 and over	32,102
Total	233,590

b. State/Territory;

State/Territory	Number
Australian Capital Territory	90,736
New South Wales	58,827
Northern Territory	42,840
Queensland	17,310
South Australia	13,078
Tasmania	7,952
Victoria	1,364
Western Australia	1,249
Unknown	234
Total	233,590

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c. Sex;

Sex	Number
Female	161,576
Male	72,014
Total	233,590

d. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;

Indigenous Status	Number
Indigenous	11,157
Non-Indigenous/Unknown	222,433
Total	233,590

e. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring;

Primary Medical Condition	Number
Osteoarthritis	21,441
Depression	17,186
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - other	14,140
Autistic Disorder	10,375
Circulatory System – other e.g. Vasculitis	8,283
Schizophrenia	6,902
Spinal Disorder –other	6,464
Anxiety	6,202
Hypertension	5,832
IQ is less than 55	5,348
Ischaemic Heart Disease	4,903
Diabetes – Non - insulin dependent	4,888
Coronary Artery Disease	4,673
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	4,534
Learning Disability	4,412
Senile Dementia	4,109
Diabetes - insulin dependent	3,923
Chronic Pain	3,760
Arthritis - other	3,659
Hemiplegia (Paralysis)	3,293
Other Medical Condition	88,267
Total	232,594

Note: This table provides a count of care receivers, not Carer Payment recipients.

f. Duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);

Duration of Current Episode	Number
Less than 1 year	41,741
1 year to less than 2 years	37,996
2 years to less than 5 years	74,308
5 years to less than 10 years	53,844
10 years and over	25,701
Total	233,590

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Note: This table ignores breaks in continuity of less than 14 days when calculating duration of current episode. For example, if a person was on Carer Payment for 10 years then went off for a day and then went back on, this break in payment would be ignored.

g. Number and percentage reporting other employment;
i. Reported hours of work undertaken;

Hours of Work Per Week	Number	Percentage
Nil hours reported	218,886	93.7
0-7	4,916	2.1
8-14	4,165	1.8
15-22	4,326	1.9
23-29	1,103	0.5
30 or more	194	0.1
Total	233,590	100.0

Note: Derived from “hours worked last fortnight”.

h. Number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;

Max/Other Rate	Number	Percentage
Max rate	177,314	75.9
Other rate	56,276	24.1
Total	233,590	100

j. Reported income from employment;

The average income from employment of Carer Payment recipients with income from employment was \$588 per fortnight (the average income from employment across all Carer Payment recipients was \$53 per fortnight).

k. Reported income from other assets;

The average income from assets of Carer Payment recipients with income from assets was \$50 per fortnight (the average income from assets across all Carer Payment recipients was \$37 per fortnight).

l. Other payments received.

The average income from other payments of Carer Payment recipients with income from other payments was \$164 per fortnight (the average income from other payments across all Carer Payment recipients was \$7 per fortnight).

Note:

1. “Income from assets” includes deemed income from financial investments, income from real estate, business, trusts and companies assets and assessed income from income streams.
2. “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.