

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 431**

**Topic:** Carer Payment

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide data on the following:

- a. Number of people who have exited Carer Payment and gone onto other income support payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by payment types (including Newstart and the Disability Support Pension).
- b. If possible, number of people who have exited Carer Payment and not gone onto other payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by reason for exiting Carer Payment.

**Answer:**

a. The following table provides the number of people who have exited Carer Payment and gone onto other income support payments from January 2013 to January 2014. Two points in time have been compared:

- 1) January 2013, when the customers were receiving Carer Payment; and
- 2) January 2014, when the customers were receiving the payments shown in the table.

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Age Pension	4,328
Disability Support Pension	1,349
Newstart Allowance	6,827
Youth Allowance	369
Austudy	115
Sickness Allowance	<20
Special Benefit	20
Widow Allowance	830
Parenting Payment Single	989
Parenting Payment Partnered	335
Abstudy	<20
Other payments	<20
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>15,204</b>

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b. The table below shows the number of people who have exited Carer Payment and not gone onto other payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by reason for exiting Carer Payment.

Cancellation reasons (Events)	Number
Bereavement period ended	9,057
Withdrawn/Voluntary surrender	6,243
Not caring for caree	4,094
Caree in institution for 7 paydays	2,897
Caree respite bank exceeded	2,731
Failed to report income when payment rate is zero due to affecting employment income	2,504
Carer working more than 25 hours per week	1,426
Child caree turned 16	971
Medical review not returned	937
Failed to reply to correspondence	690
Death	666
Proof of identity not provided	624
Overseas for 6 weeks	555
Caree did not provide proof of identity	553
Carer in prison	370
Partner earnings preclude payment for 6 fortnights	367
Caree didn't meet Adult Disability Assessment Tool score	339
Health professional score too low	328
Other / Unknown	13,491
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,843</b>

Note: The above table illustrates a count of events, not customers. A customer may have multiple events within the same period. The data covers the period from February 2013 to January 2014.