

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

**Outcome Number:** 11

**Question No:** 583

**Topic:** Characteristics of income support recipients

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide an update of Supplementary Estimates QoN 223.

**Answer:**

The following tables provide the number of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment (Single), Parenting Payment (Partnered) Youth Allowance (student) recipients as at the 27 December 2013.

**Income Support Recipients by State and Territory (Part 1)**

	<b>Newstart Allowance</b>	<b>Parenting Payment Partnered</b>	<b>Parenting Payment Single</b>	<b>Youth Allowance (other)</b>	<b>Youth Allowance (student)</b>
Australian Capital Territory	5707	674	2587	1062	3189
New South Wales	213,512	34,923	81,236	34,357	57,910
Northern Territory	11,691	2666	3581	2309	304
Queensland	144,288	21,075	62,174	28,714	31,493
South Australia	60,121	7601	19,625	10,695	14,195
Tasmania	21,667	3212	7540	4356	4048
Victoria	168,731	25,547	54,498	24,700	55,651
Western Australia	57,616	7747	26,258	9719	11,645
Unknown <sup>1</sup>	53	85	33	15	463
<b>Total</b>	<b>683,386</b>	<b>103,530</b>	<b>257,532</b>	<b>115,927</b>	<b>178,898</b>

**Income Support Recipients by State and Territory (Part 2)**

	<b>Age Pension</b>	<b>Carer Payment</b>	<b>Disability Support Pension</b>
Australian Capital Territory	22,732	1249	8710
New South Wales	763,520	90,736	270,761
Northern Territory	8260	1364	9651
Queensland	435,897	42,840	165,644
South Australia	203,480	17,310	74,975
Tasmania	65,553	7952	28,206
Victoria	583,683	58,827	203,275
Western Australia	200,966	13,078	62,991
Unknown <sup>1</sup>	82,107	234	7811
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,6198</b>	<b>233,590</b>	<b>832,024</b>

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**Income Support Recipients by Age (Part 1)**

	<b>&lt;21 years</b>	<b>21 - 29 years</b>	<b>30 - 39 years</b>	<b>40 - 49 years</b>	<b>50 - 59 years</b>	<b>60+ years</b>
Newstart Allowance	N/A	157,300	154,452	174,062	133,897	63,675
Parenting Payment Partnered	4707	37,048	46,684	13,867	1036	188
Parenting Payment Single	13,727	99,273	101,954	39,332	2834	412
Youth Allowance (other)	92,125	23,802	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Allowance (student)	91,743	87,154	<20	<20	<20	N/A

**Income Support Recipients by Age (Part 2)**

	<b>&lt;25 years</b>	<b>25 – 34 years</b>	<b>35 – 44 years</b>	<b>45 – 54 years</b>	<b>55 – 64 years</b>	<b>65+ years</b>
Age Pension	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2366198
Carer Payment	9788	22,823	42,693	57,479	68,705	32,102
Disability Support Pension	55,416	83,732	129,895	210,149	318,807	34,025

**Payments by Gender, Indigenous Status and Total (Part 1)**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Non Indigenous</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Total</b>
Newstart Allowance	320,690	362,696	622,865	60,521	<b>683,386</b>
Parenting Payment Partnered	93,954	9576	94,609	8921	<b>103,530</b>
Parenting Payment Single	244,683	12,849	225,488	32,044	<b>257,532</b>
Youth Allowance (other)	54,505	61,422	98,668	17,259	<b>115,927</b>
Youth Allowance (student)	99,238	79,660	177,423	1475	<b>178,898</b>

**Payments by Gender, Indigenous Status and Total (Part 2)**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Not Indigenous</b>	<b>Total</b>
Age Pension	1,301,776	1,064,422	14,986	2,351,212	<b>2,366,198</b>
Carer Payment	161,576	72,014	11,157	222,433	<b>233,590</b>
Disability Support Pension	442,066	389,958	47,104	784,920	<b>832,024</b>

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data & DSS Basic Data Set

Note (1) At time of extraction state/territory had not been recorded.