

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

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Question No: 615

Topic: Sickness Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Can you indicate the number and percentage of people in receipt of the sickness allowance and in receipt of other payments?

Answer:

The number of recipients of Sickness Allowance, as at 27 December 2013, was 7,561. Those in receipt of Sickness Allowance are not eligible to receive other primary income support payments at the same time. The majority (99%) of Sickness Allowance recipients received other supplementary payments as tabled below. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

	Sickness Allowance
Total Recipients	7,561
Total With One or More Supplements	7,539

Supplementary Payment paid to Sickness Allowance Recipients	No of Recipients
Carer Allowance	145
Family Tax Benefit	767
Mobility Allowance	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	7,493
Remote Area Allowance	117
Rent Assistance (paid as a component of Family Tax Benefit)	2,591
Telephone Allowance	60
Income Support Bonus	5,118

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.