

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

**Outcome Number:** 11

**Question No:** 616

**Topic:** Mobility Allowance

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Can you provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Mobility Allowance?

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. sex;
- d. Indigenous status;
- e. condition/disability;
- f. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- g. number and percentage reporting 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 following tables provide the number of Mobility Allowance recipients as at the 27 December 2013 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than 20 are reported as "<20".

<b>Table a) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Age Group</b>	
<b>Customer Age</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
15-20	8,114
21-24	6,026
25-29	6,397
30-34	5,524
35-39	5,186
40-44	5,907
45-49	6,031
50-54	6,415
55-59	5,568
60-64	4,393
65+	4,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

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<b>Table b) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by State</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
New South Wales	19,114
Victoria	17,480
Queensland	12,235
Western Australia	4,943
South Australia	7,363
Tasmania	1,911
Australian Capital Territory	611
Northern Territory	212
Unknown	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

<b>Table c) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Gender</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Males	34,651
Females	29,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

<b>Table d) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Indigenous Indicator</b>	
<b>Indigenous Indicator</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Indigenous	1,440
Non-Indigenous	62,472
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

**Table e)** Data regarding the condition/disability of Mobility Allowance recipients is unavailable.

<b>Table f) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Duration on Mobiliy Allowance</b>	
<b>Duration on Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Less Than 1 Year	7,463
1 - 2 Years	7,234
2 - 5 Years	14,493
5 - 10 Years	15,530
10 Years Plus	19,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

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<b>Table g) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings</b>		
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Had Earnings	18,206	28
No Earnings	45,706	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>	

<b>Table h) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Rate</b>		
<b>Rate of Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
High Rate	6808	11
Low Rate	57,104	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>	

<b>Table i) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Hours Worked</b>	
<b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
No hours	47,811
1 - 14 hours	1,754
15 - 29 hours	2,908
30 hours +	11,439
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

<b>Table j) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	45,706
\$1 - \$61	2,569
\$62 - \$235	7,151
\$236 - \$249	361
\$250 Plus	8,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

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<b>Table k) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings from Other Sources</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	22,144
\$1 - \$61	35,672
\$62 - \$235	4,552
\$236 - \$249	89
\$250 Plus	1,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,912</b>

<b>Table l) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Income Support Payment</b>	
<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	<20
Age	2293
Assistance For Isolated Children	<20
Austudy	39
Carer Payment	162
Disability Support Pension	53803
Not on Income Support	6204
Newstart Allowance	1123
Parenting Payment Partnered	<20
Parenting Payment Single	50
Partner Allowance	<20
Sickness Allowance	<20
Special Benefit	<20
Widow Allowance	<20
Wifes Pension - Age	<20
Wifes Pension - Disability	<20
Youth Allowance (Apprentice)	<20
Youth Allowance (Other)	111
Youth Allowance (Student)	57

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data