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Question No: 619

Topic: Working Age Payments

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Senator Boyce asked:

Please provide the number of Australians by payment type, currently receiving working age payments.

Please provide expenditure estimates, outlays for last year, estimates for 2013-14 and the outyears.

Answer:

The following table provides the number of recipients of working age payments by payment type as at 27 December 2013.

Payment Type	TOTAL
Newstart Allowance	683,386
Youth Allowance (other)	115,927
Parenting Payment Partnered	103,530
Parenting Payment Single	257,532
Partner Allowance	9,618
Sickness Allowance	7,561
Widow Allowance	26,789
ABSTUDY (living allowance and other)	28,536
Austudy	37,358
Youth Allowance (student and apprentice)	178,898

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.

2012-13 Expenditure

The outlays for working age payments for 2012-13 that were the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCSRTE) were published in the DEEWR Annual Report 2012-13 on pages 281 and 284 and the DIICCSRTE Annual Report 2012-13 page 9.

2013-14 Expenditure and forward year projections

The initial estimated outlays for working age payments for 2013-14 that were the responsibility of DEEWR and DIICCSRTE were published in the DEEWR Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14 on pages 64 and 86 and the DIICCSRTE Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14 on page 96.

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As a result of the Administrative Arrangements Order of 18 September 2013, responsibility for working age payments transferred to the Department of Social Services (DSS). The estimated outlays for working age payments for 2013-14 for the period from 18 September 2013 and projected outlays over the forward estimates are provided in the DSS Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for 2013-14, on pages 112 and 113.