

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: 11

Question No: 662

Topic: Sickness Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Sickness Allowance by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- g. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets; and
- m. other payments received.

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Sickness 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" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

| Table a) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Age Group - Dec 2013 | |
|--|-------------------|
| Age Group | Recipients |
| 21-24 | 490 |
| 25-29 | 740 |
| 30-34 | 702 |
| 35-39 | 767 |
| 40-44 | 921 |
| 45-49 | 1014 |
| 50-54 | 1209 |
| 55-59 | 969 |
| 60-64 | 749 |
| Total | 7561 |

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| State | Recipients |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| New South Wales | 2132 |
| Victoria | 1990 |
| Queensland | 1805 |
| Western Australia | 672 |
| South Australia | 618 |
| Tasmania | 192 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 89 |
| Northern Territory | 58 |
| Unknown | 5 |
| Total | 7561 |

| State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013) | Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013) | Sickness Allowance |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | Canberra | 49 |
| Australian Capital Territory | Fraser | 40 |
| New South Wales | Banks | 29 |
| New South Wales | Barton | 35 |
| New South Wales | Bennelong | 27 |
| New South Wales | Berowra | 30 |
| New South Wales | Blaxland | 56 |
| New South Wales | Bradfield | <20 |
| New South Wales | Calare | 48 |
| New South Wales | Charlton | 53 |
| New South Wales | Chifley | 52 |
| New South Wales | Cook | 26 |
| New South Wales | Cowper | 59 |
| New South Wales | Cunningham | 49 |
| New South Wales | Dobell | 63 |
| New South Wales | Eden-Monaro | 44 |
| New South Wales | Farrer | 61 |
| New South Wales | Fowler | 56 |
| New South Wales | Gilmore | 43 |
| New South Wales | Grayndler | 33 |
| New South Wales | Greenway | 30 |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| New South Wales | Hughes | 40 |
| New South Wales | Hume | 50 |
| New South Wales | Hunter | 31 |
| New South Wales | Kingsford Smith | 44 |
| New South Wales | Lindsay | 49 |
| New South Wales | Lyne | 40 |
| New South Wales | Macarthur | 36 |
| New South Wales | Mackellar | 32 |
| New South Wales | Macquarie | 54 |
| New South Wales | McMahon | 43 |
| New South Wales | Mitchell | 26 |
| New South Wales | New England | 53 |
| New South Wales | Newcastle | 42 |
| New South Wales | North Sydney | <20 |
| New South Wales | Page | 64 |
| New South Wales | Parkes | 41 |
| New South Wales | Parramatta | 57 |
| New South Wales | Paterson | 56 |
| New South Wales | Reid | 31 |
| New South Wales | Richmond | 83 |
| New South Wales | Riverina | 55 |
| New South Wales | Robertson | 46 |
| New South Wales | Shortland | 52 |
| New South Wales | Sydney | 38 |
| New South Wales | Throsby | 73 |
| New South Wales | Warringah | 24 |
| New South Wales | Watson | 55 |
| New South Wales | Wentworth | 32 |
| New South Wales | Werriwa | 65 |
| Northern Territory | Lingiari | 30 |
| Northern Territory | Solomon | 28 |
| Queensland | Blair | 71 |
| Queensland | Bonner | 24 |
| Queensland | Bowman | 52 |
| Queensland | Brisbane | 35 |
| Queensland | Capricornia | 61 |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Queensland | Dawson | 57 |
| Queensland | Dickson | 43 |
| Queensland | Fadden | 61 |
| Queensland | Fairfax | 85 |
| Queensland | Fisher | 59 |
| Queensland | Flynn | 53 |
| Queensland | Forde | 77 |
| Queensland | Griffith | 39 |
| Queensland | Groom | 42 |
| Queensland | Herbert | 65 |
| Queensland | Hinkler | 60 |
| Queensland | Kennedy | 64 |
| Queensland | Leichhardt | 81 |
| Queensland | Lilley | 54 |
| Queensland | Longman | 66 |
| Queensland | Maranoa | 56 |
| Queensland | Mcperson | 72 |
| Queensland | Moncrieff | 74 |
| Queensland | Moreton | 51 |
| Queensland | Oxley | 70 |
| Queensland | Petrie | 71 |
| Queensland | Rankin | 79 |
| Queensland | Ryan | 31 |
| Queensland | Wide Bay | 74 |
| Queensland | Wright | 77 |
| South Australia | Adelaide | 44 |
| South Australia | Barker | 74 |
| South Australia | Boothby | 40 |
| South Australia | Grey | 60 |
| South Australia | Hindmarsh | 48 |
| South Australia | Kingston | 78 |
| South Australia | Makin | 48 |
| South Australia | Mayo | 52 |
| South Australia | Port Adelaide | 76 |
| South Australia | Sturt | 30 |
| South Australia | Wakefield | 68 |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Tasmania | Bass | 38 |
| Tasmania | Braddon | 36 |
| Tasmania | Denison | 41 |
| Tasmania | Franklin | 36 |
| Tasmania | Lyons | 42 |
| Victoria | Aston | 43 |
| Victoria | Ballarat | 66 |
| Victoria | Batman | 56 |
| Victoria | Bendigo | 55 |
| Victoria | Bruce | 47 |
| Victoria | Calwell | 60 |
| Victoria | Casey | 55 |
| Victoria | Chisholm | 26 |
| Victoria | Corangamite | 51 |
| Victoria | Corio | 75 |
| Victoria | Deakin | 43 |
| Victoria | Dunkley | 63 |
| Victoria | Flinders | 83 |
| Victoria | Gellibrand | 51 |
| Victoria | Gippsland | 57 |
| Victoria | Goldstein | 31 |
| Victoria | Gorton | 94 |
| Victoria | Higgins | 21 |
| Victoria | Holt | 68 |
| Victoria | Hotham | 49 |
| Victoria | Indi | 50 |
| Victoria | Isaacs | 45 |
| Victoria | Jagajaga | 47 |
| Victoria | Kooyong | 21 |
| Victoria | La Trobe | 53 |
| Victoria | Lalor | 86 |
| Victoria | Mallee | 71 |
| Victoria | Maribyrnong | 45 |
| Victoria | Mcewen | 94 |
| Victoria | Mcmillan | 77 |
| Victoria | Melbourne | 23 |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Victoria | Melbourne Ports | 33 |
| Victoria | Menzies | 30 |
| Victoria | Murray | 50 |
| Victoria | Scullin | 59 |
| Victoria | Wannon | 71 |
| Victoria | Wills | 40 |
| Western Australia | Brand | 68 |
| Western Australia | Canning | 51 |
| Western Australia | Cowan | 53 |
| Western Australia | Curtin | <20 |
| Western Australia | Durack | 48 |
| Western Australia | Forrest | 60 |
| Western Australia | Fremantle | 45 |
| Western Australia | Hasluck | 57 |
| Western Australia | Moore | 42 |
| Western Australia | O'Connor | 57 |
| Western Australia | Pearce | 39 |
| Western Australia | Perth | 42 |
| Western Australia | Stirling | 35 |
| Western Australia | Swan | 47 |
| Western Australia | Tangney | <20 |
| Unknown | Unknown | <20 |
| TOTAL | TOTAL | 7561 |

| Table d) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Gender | |
|--|-------------------|
| Gender | Recipients |
| Males | 4180 |
| Females | 3381 |
| Total | 7561 |

| Table e) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Indigenous Indicator | |
|--|-------------------|
| Indigenous Indicator | Recipients |
| Indigenous | 288 |
| Non-Indigenous | 7273 |
| Total | 7561 |

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Table f) Data regarding the condition/disability of a person for whom Sickness Allowance recipients may be caring is unavailable.

| Table g) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Duration on Sickness Allowance | |
|--|-------------------|
| Duration on Payment | Recipients |
| Less Than 1 Year | 5795 |
| 1 - 2 Years | 1299 |
| 2 - 5 Years | np |
| 5 - 10 Years | <20 |
| Total | 7561 |

| Table h) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Earnings | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|
| Earnings Last Fortnight | Recipients | % |
| Had Earnings | 557 | 7.4 |
| No Earnings | 7004 | 92.6 |

| Table i) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by Rate | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|
| Rate | Recipients | % |
| Full Rate | 6250 | 82.7 |
| Part Rate | 1278 | 16.9 |
| Undetermined Rate | 33 | 0 |

| Table j) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by hours worked last fortnight | |
|---|-------------------|
| Hours worked last fortnight | Recipients |
| No hours | 7045 |
| 1 - 14 hours | 184 |
| 15 - 29 hours | 184 |
| 30 hours + | 148 |
| Total | 7561 |

| Table k) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by earnings last fortnight | |
|---|-------------------|
| Earnings last fortnight | Recipients |
| Nil earnings | 7004 |
| \$1 - \$61 | 44 |
| \$62 - \$235 | 107 |
| \$236 - \$249 | <20 |
| \$250 Plus | np |
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| Table l) Recipients of Sickness Allowance by earnings from other sources (for example, Interest, Superannuation, Compensation, real estate income) | |
|---|-------------------|
| Earnings per fortnight from other sources | Recipients |
| Nil earnings | 1972 |
| \$1 - \$61 | 5135 |
| \$62 - \$235 | 239 |
| \$236 - \$249 | <20 |
| \$250 Plus | np |
| Total | 7561 |

| Table m) Recipients of Sickness Allowance receiving a supplementary payment (note: Recipients can receive more than 1 supplement) | |
|---|-------------------|
| Supplementary payment | Recipients |
| Carer Allowance | 145 |
| Clean Energy Supplement | 7515 |
| Family Tax Benefit | 767 |
| Mobility Allowance | <20 |
| Pharmaceutical Allowance | 7493 |
| Remote Area Allowance | 117 |
| Rent Assistance (as a component of Family Tax Benefit) | 2591 |
| Telephone Allowance | 60 |
| Income Support Bonus | 5118 |

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.