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Topic: Disability Support Pension - recipients over Age Pension age

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Senator Siewert asked:

- a) For each year since 1994, list the number of DSP recipients over Age Pension age.
- b) For the periods 2012-13, 2013-14 and the forward estimates, what is the cost of the DSP for those over Age Pension age?

Answer:

- a) The following table indicates the estimated number of DSP recipients over Age Pension age as at June for the period 2001 to 2013. Data prior to 2001 is not available.

Year	Males	Females	Total	Female Age Pension age#
2001*	2,748	1,588	4,336	61.5
2002	3,158	1,482	4,640	62
2003	4,769	2,623	7,392	62
2004*	5,482	2,479	7,961	62.5
2005*	5,597	3,766	9,363	62.5
2006	6,052	3,746	9,798	63
2007	7,227	5,020	12,247	63
2008	8,219	5,445	13,664	63.5
2009	9,845	7,301	17,146	63.5
2010	11,299	7,852	19,151	64
2011	13,485	10,808	24,293	64
2012	15,845	11,929	27,774	64.5
2013	18,164	15,059	33,223	64.5

Source: SuperCross Pensions Cubes for years 2001-2006, DEEWR Bluebook for years 2007-2013

Note: Before 1 July 1995, the Age Pension age for women was 60, while for men it was 65. From 1 July 1995, the Age Pension age for women began to increase by six months every two years. From 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2017, the Age Pension age for women will be 65, making it the same as for men. At that point (2017), the Age Pension age will start to increase for both men and women.

* Data for females of Age Pension age for 2001, 2004 and 2005 are estimated due to data limitations that provide age in whole years only and not months. Estimations are based on 2008 data where age in months can be derived. A proportion is then calculated based on the number of females of Age Pension age divided by the number of females in the whole year of age that the data limitations affect. This proportion has then been applied to the relevant whole years of age in 2001, 2004 and 2005.

- b) Administered outlays for past financial years and forward year expenditure estimates are not produced at this level of disaggregation.