

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-367

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: CONTINENCE AIDS PAYMENT SCHEME (CAPS)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fifield asked:

Regarding the Continence Aids Payment Scheme: Can the Department provide a breakdown of the number of CAPS participants:

- a) Gender;
- b) By State or Territory; and
- c) Place of Birth

Answer:

a) and b)

Medicare Australia has responsibility for the administration of the CAPS and has advised that as at 27 June 2011, the number of CAPS participants by gender and by state and territory is broken down as follows:

<b>State or Territory</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Australian Capital Territory	456	670	1,126
New South Wales	10,199	15,253	25,452
Northern Territory	177	191	368
Queensland	7,086	12,113	19,199
South Australia	2,962	5,110	8,072
Tasmania	870	1,203	2,073
Victoria	8,780	15,057	23,837
Western Australia	2,816	3,707	6,523
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,346</b>	<b>53,304</b>	<b>86,650</b>

c) As at 27 June 2011, the number of CAPS participants broken down by place of birth is as follows:

<b>BIRTH COUNTRY</b>	
Not Specified	62,865
Australia	16,101
New Zealand	289
England	1,581
Scotland	287
Germany	302
Italy	1,049
Greece	508
Other	3,668
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,650</b>