

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 459**

**Topic: Pension Work Bonus**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the latest number of recipients of the Pension Work Bonus by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous status;
- f. reported hours of work undertaken;
- g. reported income from employment; and
- h. other payments received.

**Answer:**

The Work Bonus is an income test concession that applies to all pensioners over age pension age who receive an income from employment. As at 31 March 2014, 102,723 Age Pension recipients had employment income. Breakdowns by the requested characteristics for Age Pension recipients who had employment income in the fortnight ending 31 March 2014 can be found below.

<b>a &amp; d. Age Pensioners with Earnings by sex and age</b>			
<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>65</b>	5,550	7,283	<b>12,833</b>
<b>66</b>	6,609	8,019	<b>14,628</b>
<b>67</b>	6,880	7,799	<b>14,679</b>
<b>68-69</b>	10,131	9,367	<b>19,498</b>
<b>70-74</b>	14,955	11,787	<b>26,742</b>
<b>75-84</b>	8,500	4,890	<b>13,390</b>
<b>85 and over</b>	586	367	<b>953</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>53,211</b>	<b>49,512</b>	<b>102,723</b>

<b>b. Age Pensioners with Earnings by State / Territory</b>	
<b>NSW</b>	30,030
<b>VIC</b>	25,772
<b>QLD</b>	20,576
<b>SA</b>	8,371
<b>WA</b>	10,392
<b>TAS</b>	3,114
<b>NT</b>	487
<b>ACT</b>	935
<b>Overseas / Unknown</b>	3,046
<b>All</b>	<b>102,723</b>

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<b>c. Age Pensioners with Earnings by Electorate</b>	
<b>NSW</b>	
<b>Banks</b>	521
<b>Barton</b>	499
<b>Bennelong</b>	527
<b>Berowra</b>	574
<b>Blaxland</b>	412
<b>Bradfield</b>	504
<b>Calare</b>	853
<b>Charlton</b>	630
<b>Chifley</b>	511
<b>Cook</b>	711
<b>Cowper</b>	742
<b>Cunningham</b>	516
<b>Dobell</b>	676
<b>Eden-Monaro</b>	767
<b>Farrer</b>	1039
<b>Fowler</b>	338
<b>Gilmore</b>	752
<b>Grayndler</b>	403
<b>Greenway</b>	517
<b>Hughes</b>	638
<b>Hume</b>	776
<b>Hunter</b>	548
<b>Kingsford Smith</b>	625
<b>Lindsay</b>	542
<b>Lyne</b>	811
<b>Macarthur</b>	535
<b>Mackellar</b>	747
<b>Macquarie</b>	790
<b>McMahon</b>	439
<b>Mitchell</b>	639
<b>Newcastle</b>	572
<b>New England</b>	987
<b>North Sydney</b>	406
<b>Page</b>	780
<b>Parkes</b>	969
<b>Parramatta</b>	441
<b>Paterson</b>	804
<b>Reid</b>	393
<b>Richmond</b>	834
<b>Riverina</b>	852
<b>Robertson</b>	856
<b>Shortland</b>	698
<b>Sydney</b>	346
<b>Throsby</b>	620
<b>Warringah</b>	525
<b>Watson</b>	457
<b>Wentworth</b>	459
<b>Werriwa</b>	431
<b>VIC</b>	
<b>Aston</b>	740

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<b>Ballarat</b>	797
<b>Batman</b>	455
<b>Bendigo</b>	834
<b>Bruce</b>	701
<b>Calwell</b>	523
<b>Casey</b>	865
<b>Chisholm</b>	683
<b>Corangamite</b>	873
<b>Corio</b>	835
<b>Deakin</b>	907
<b>Dunkley</b>	913
<b>Flinders</b>	1084
<b>Gellibrand</b>	457
<b>Gippsland</b>	928
<b>Goldstein</b>	571
<b>Gorton</b>	440
<b>Higgins</b>	495
<b>Holt</b>	595
<b>Hotham</b>	694
<b>Indi</b>	936
<b>Isaacs</b>	695
<b>Jagajaga</b>	650
<b>Kooyong</b>	438
<b>Lalor</b>	477
<b>La Trobe</b>	642
<b>Mallee</b>	981
<b>Maribyrnong</b>	569
<b>McEwen</b>	691
<b>McMillan</b>	871
<b>Melbourne</b>	298
<b>Melbourne Ports</b>	393
<b>Menzies</b>	732
<b>Murray</b>	1038
<b>Scullin</b>	552
<b>Wannon</b>	916
<b>Wills</b>	493
<b>QLD</b>	
<b>Blair</b>	521
<b>Bonner</b>	619
<b>Bowman</b>	754
<b>Brisbane</b>	391
<b>Capricornia</b>	601
<b>Dawson</b>	608
<b>Dickson</b>	591
<b>Fadden</b>	903
<b>Fairfax</b>	853
<b>Fisher</b>	794
<b>Flynn</b>	565
<b>Forde</b>	649
<b>Griffith</b>	414
<b>Groom</b>	855
<b>Herbert</b>	656
<b>Hinkler</b>	707
<b>Kennedy</b>	829

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<b>Leichhardt</b>	824
<b>Lilley</b>	655
<b>Longman</b>	691
<b>Maranoa</b>	876
<b>McPherson</b>	974
<b>Moncrieff</b>	1053
<b>Moreton</b>	473
<b>Oxley</b>	489
<b>Petrie</b>	719
<b>Rankin</b>	598
<b>Ryan</b>	442
<b>Wide Bay</b>	757
<b>Wright</b>	699
<b>SA</b>	
<b>Adelaide</b>	567
<b>Barker</b>	986
<b>Boothby</b>	784
<b>Grey</b>	882
<b>Hindmarsh</b>	809
<b>Kingston</b>	737
<b>Makin</b>	696
<b>Mayo</b>	877
<b>Port Adelaide</b>	562
<b>Sturt</b>	805
<b>Wakefield</b>	663
<b>WA</b>	
<b>Brand</b>	601
<b>Canning</b>	829
<b>Cowan</b>	689
<b>Curtin</b>	470
<b>Durack</b>	587
<b>Forrest</b>	814
<b>Fremantle</b>	677
<b>Hasluck</b>	803
<b>Moore</b>	607
<b>O'Connor</b>	874
<b>Pearce</b>	739
<b>Perth</b>	716
<b>Stirling</b>	712
<b>Swan</b>	652
<b>Tangney</b>	597
<b>TAS</b>	
<b>Bass</b>	647
<b>Braddon</b>	642
<b>Denison</b>	513
<b>Franklin</b>	634
<b>Lyons</b>	676
<b>NT</b>	
<b>Lingiari</b>	246
<b>Solomon</b>	243
<b>ACT</b>	
<b>Canberra</b>	500
<b>Fraser</b>	435

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<b>e. Age Pensioners with Earnings by Indigenous Status</b>	
<b>Indigenous</b>	763
<b>Non-indigenous</b>	101,960
<b>All</b>	102,723

f. Information is not collected about the amount of hours worked by Age Pension recipients.

g. The average income received from employment of Age Pension recipients with income received from employment was \$731 per fortnight.

h. For Age Pension recipients with income from employment the average income from other payments received was \$14 per fortnight.

Note: "Income from other payments received" is income sourced neither from employment nor assets and may include income from foreign pensions and assessed income from other government payments.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative data.