

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

**Question No: 702**

**Topic: Carer Payment**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide data on the following:

- a. number of people who have exited Carer Payment and gone onto other income support payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by payment types (including Newstart and the Disability Support Pension); and
- b. if possible, number of people who have exited Carer Payment and not gone onto other payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by reason for exiting Carer Payment.

**Answer:**

The following tables provide the number of Carer Supplement recipients/care receivers as at 31 March 2014 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

<b>Table (a) Carer Payment recipients who have exited (transferred) to another payment – January 2013 to January 2014.</b>	
<b>Payment type</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Newstart Allowance	6,827
Age Pension	4,328
Disability Support Pension	1,349
Parenting Payment Single	989
Widow Allowance	830
Youth Allowance	369
Parenting Payment Partnered	335
Austudy	115
Special Benefit	20
Sickness Allowance	<20
Abstudy	<20
Other payments	<20
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>15,204</b>

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<b>Table (b) Carer Payment recipient cancellation reasons (top 15) – January 2013 to January 2014.</b>	
<b>Cancellation reason</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Bereavement period ended	9,057
Withdrawn/Voluntary surrender	6,243
Not caring for caree	4,094
Caree in institution for 7 paydays	2,897
Caree respite bank exceeded	2,731
Failed to report income when payment rate is zero due to affecting employment income	2,504
Carer working more than 25 hours per week	1,426
Child caree turned 16	971
Medical review not returned	937
Failed to reply to correspondence	690
Death	666
Proof of identity not provided	624
Overseas for 6 weeks	555
Caree did not provide proof of identity	553
Carer in prison	370
Other reason	14,525
<b>Total cancellations</b>	<b>48,843</b>