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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 705

Topic: Carer Allowance

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer 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 Carer Allowance recipients/care receivers as at 28 March 2014 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Please note that some of this information is available at www.data.gov.au (March 2014 tables).

Age Group	Recipients
Less than 24	13,340
25-34	51,652
35-44	118,849
45-54	121,868
55-64	120,134
65-74	97,169
75-84	52,647
85 and over	10,879
Total	586,538

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Table (b) Recipients of Carer Allowance by State	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	206,351
Victoria	157,005
Queensland	111,536
Western Australia	39,252
South Australia	46,835
Tasmania	16,472
Australian Capital Territory	5,417
Northern Territory	2,962
Other	708
Total	586,538

Table (c) Recipients of Carer Allowance by Electorate

State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	2,646
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	2,775
New South Wales	Banks	4,099
New South Wales	Barton	4,380
New South Wales	Bennelong	2,585
New South Wales	Berowra	1,848
New South Wales	Blaxland	8,363
New South Wales	Bradfield	1,537
New South Wales	Calare	4,277
New South Wales	Charlton	4,921
New South Wales	Chifley	6,927
New South Wales	Cook	2,470
New South Wales	Cowper	5,957
New South Wales	Cunningham	4,245
New South Wales	Dobell	4,823
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	3,584
New South Wales	Farrer	4,302
New South Wales	Fowler	8,602
New South Wales	Gilmore	5,332
New South Wales	Grayndler	3,017
New South Wales	Greenway	3,727
New South Wales	Hughes	3,911

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State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
New South Wales	Hume	4,257
New South Wales	Hunter	4,708
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	3,133
New South Wales	Lindsay	4,869
New South Wales	Lyne	6,002
New South Wales	Macarthur	5,428
New South Wales	Mackellar	1,809
New South Wales	Macquarie	3,330
New South Wales	McMahon	7,812
New South Wales	Mitchell	2,322
New South Wales	New England	4,434
New South Wales	Newcastle	3,726
New South Wales	North Sydney	1,311
New South Wales	Page	5,475
New South Wales	Parkes	4,538
New South Wales	Parramatta	4,499
New South Wales	Paterson	5,310
New South Wales	Reid	3,841
New South Wales	Richmond	4,533
New South Wales	Riverina	4,154
New South Wales	Robertson	3,913
New South Wales	Shortland	5,163
New South Wales	Sydney	1,826
New South Wales	Throsby	5,439
New South Wales	Warringah	1,316
New South Wales	Watson	6,476
New South Wales	Wentworth	1,399
New South Wales	Werriwa	6,513
Northern Territory	Lingiari	1,530
Northern Territory	Solomon	1,440
Queensland	Blair	4,913
Queensland	Bonner	2,765
Queensland	Bowman	3,614
Queensland	Brisbane	1,227
Queensland	Capricornia	3,215
Queensland	Dawson	3,231

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Queensland	Dickson	2,992
Queensland	Fadden	4,061
Queensland	Fairfax	3,637
Queensland	Fisher	3,939
Queensland	Flynn	3,799
Queensland	Forde	4,413
Queensland	Griffith	1,738
Queensland	Groom	3,639
Queensland	Herbert	3,605
Queensland	Hinkler	7,107
Queensland	Kennedy	3,804
Queensland	Leichhardt	3,231
Queensland	Lilley	2,783
Queensland	Longman	5,633
Queensland	Maranoa	4,798
Queensland	Mcpherson	3,583
Queensland	Moncrieff	3,432
Queensland	Moreton	2,514
Queensland	Oxley	3,616
Queensland	Petrie	4,164
Queensland	Rankin	4,242
Queensland	Ryan	1,862
Queensland	Wide Bay	5,665
Queensland	Wright	4,267
South Australia	Adelaide	2,971
South Australia	Barker	4,276
South Australia	Boothby	2,858
South Australia	Grey	4,949
South Australia	Hindmarsh	3,751
South Australia	Kingston	4,853
South Australia	Makin	4,048
South Australia	Mayo	3,145
South Australia	Port Adelaide	6,118
South Australia	Sturt	3,324
South Australia	Wakefield	6,557
Tasmania	Bass	3,042

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State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
Tasmania	Braddon	3,821
Tasmania	Denison	2,468
Tasmania	Franklin	2,867
Tasmania	Lyons	4,277
Victoria	Aston	3,217
Victoria	Ballarat	4,773
Victoria	Batman	5,014
Victoria	Bendigo	4,391
Victoria	Bruce	4,404
Victoria	Calwell	8,457
Victoria	Casey	3,257
Victoria	Chisholm	3,171
Victoria	Corangamite	3,398
Victoria	Corio	5,419
Victoria	Deakin	2,847
Victoria	Dunkley	3,613
Victoria	Flinders	3,993
Victoria	Gellibrand	4,776
Victoria	Gippsland	5,174
Victoria	Goldstein	2,344
Victoria	Gorton	6,759
Victoria	Higgins	2,114
Victoria	Holt	5,577
Victoria	Hotham	4,108
Victoria	Indi	4,017
Victoria	Isaacs	3,628
Victoria	Jagajaga	3,106
Victoria	Kooyong	1,764
Victoria	La Trobe	3,217
Victoria	Lalor	5,446
Victoria	Mallee	4,890
Victoria	Maribyrnong	5,681
Victoria	McEwen	5,093
Victoria	McMillan	4,644
Victoria	Melbourne	2,268
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	1,820

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State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
Victoria	Menzies	3,122
Victoria	Murray	5,156
Victoria	Scullin	6,503
Victoria	Wannon	4,275
Victoria	Wills	5,641
Western Australia	Brand	3,651
Western Australia	Canning	3,626
Western Australia	Cowan	2,794
Western Australia	Curtin	1,264
Western Australia	Durack	2,520
Western Australia	Forrest	2,843
Western Australia	Fremantle	2,689
Western Australia	Hasluck	3,036
Western Australia	Moore	1,991
Western Australia	O'Connor	2,829
Western Australia	Pearce	3,071
Western Australia	Perth	2,251
Western Australia	Stirling	2,597
Western Australia	Swan	2,255
Western Australia	Tangney	1,836
Unknown	Unknown	560
TOTAL	TOTAL	586,538

Table (d) Recipients of Carer Allowance by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	155,998
Females	430,540
Total	586,538

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Table (e) Recipients of Carer Allowance by indigenous Indicator	
Indigenous Indicator	Recipients
Indigenous	18,034
Non-Indigenous	526,453
Unknown	42,051
Total	586,538

Table (f) Condition/disability of person for whom they are caring	
1st listed medical/disability condition (top 20)	Care receivers
Autistic Disorder	53,534
Osteoarthritis	48,398
Depression	32,666
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - Other	30,007
Asperger's Disorder	23,441
Circulatory System - Other Eg Vasculitis	19,893
Learning Disability	19,525
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	18,066
IQ Is Less Than 55	16,091
Diabetes - Insulin Dependent	14,647
Anxiety	14,114
Schizophrenia	13,589
Hypertension	12,713
Spinal Disorder - Other	12,278
Senile Dementia	11,938
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11,912
Coronary Artery Disease	11,468
Diabetes - Non Insulin Dependent	10,755
Arthritis - Other	8,954
Cerebral Palsy	8,686
Other Medical Condition	241,084
Total	633,759

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Table (g) Recipients by duration of current episode of Carer Allowance	
Duration period	Recipients
Less than 1 year	74,617
1 to less than 2 years	76,861
2 to less than 5 years	172,250
5 to less than 10 years	158,391
10 years and over	104,419
Total	586,538

(h) Other employment data are not collected for Carer Allowance as is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

(i) Part rate of payment due to the means test is not applicable to Carer Allowance as it is not means tested.

(j) Hours of work undertaken data are not collected for Carer Allowance as it is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

(k) Income from employment data are not collected for Carer Allowance as it is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

(l) Income from other assets data are not collected for Carer Allowance as it is not means tested.

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Table (m) Recipients of Carer Allowance by other payment type (top 15)	
Payment type	Recipients
Carer Payment	225,655
Age Pension	103,472
Disability Support Pension	30,927
Parenting Payment Single	15,443
Newstart Allowance	14,318
Parenting Payment Partnered	4,594
Wife Pension - Disability	2,476
Wife Pension - Age	2,456
Youth Allowance	858
Partner Allowance	557
Austudy	623
Widow Allowance	356
Sickness Allowance	145
Special Benefit	n.p.
Other Payment	<20
No Income Support Payment	184,577
Total	586,538

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data