

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 259

Topic: Income Support for Carers

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Senator Fifield asked:

Can the Department provide a month by month breakdown since June 2011 of the number of people receiving the following payments:

- a) Carer Payment (Caring for a child under 16 years)
- b) Carer Payment (Caring for a person 16 years and over)
- c) Carer Allowance (Adult)
- d) Carer Allowance (Child)
- e) Carer Adjustment Payment
- f) Wife Pension (DSP)

Answer:

The following table provides the number of Carer Payment (Child), Carer Payment (Adult), Carer Allowance (Adult), Carer Allowance (Child) and Wife Pension (DSP) recipients by month from June 2011 to October 2011.

Date	Number of Recipients				
	Carer Payment (Child)	Carer Payment (Adult)	Carer Allowance (Adult)	Carer Allowance (Child)	Wife Pension (DSP)
June 2011	16,461	169,604	385,282	127,698	11,882
July 2011	17,102	171,761	388,387	128,016	11,718
August 2011	17,301	172,484	389,449	127,989	11,586
September 2011	17,546	173,354	391,040	129,932	11,424
October 2011	17,856	174,583	393,021	130,108	11,307

Note: Carer Allowance recipients who receive a payment in respect of both adult and child care receivers are not included. Carer Allowance (Child) figures exclude Health Care Card only recipients.

Carer Adjustment Payment figures are not available.