

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 285

Topic: Postal Concessions for the Blind

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Senator Fifield asked:

With reference to the Postal Concessions for the Blind program:

- a) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the expenditure of Postal Concessions for the Blind Program since 2007?
- b) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the number of users of this program since 2007?
- c) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the number of parcels sent under this program since 2007?
- d) What is the expected expenditure over the forward estimates?
- e) What is the average cost of a package sent under this Program?
- f) How many FaHCSIA staff currently work under this program and what are their APS levels?

Answer:

Year	Expenditure (GST excl)	No of Parcels	No of Letters	Average cost per item
2007-08	\$7.014m	905,630	168,105	\$6.53
2008-09	\$6.036m	824,868	81,513	\$6.66
2009-10	\$3.662m	493,755	390,170	\$4.14
2010-11	\$2.064m	217,836	580,478	\$2.59

There are currently 54 eligible organisations issued with Postal Concessions for the Blind sub-account numbers.