

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 38

Topic: Bereavement Allowance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

"With respect to the Bereavement Allowance: a. How many people received this payment in 2010-11 and 2011-12? Can you provide a breakdown by adjusted taxable income where possible? b. How many persons in receipt of this payment are newly arrived migrants (complying with the 104 weeks eligibility requirement)? c. How many recipients claim the payment while living outside of Australia for the 14 week payment period? d. What are the projected changes in customer trends that account for an increase in program expenses for this payment over the forward estimates?"

Answer:

- (a) 856 people in 2010-2011 and 919 people in 2011-2012. A breakdown by income is not readily available without the use of significant resources.
- (b) None. Newly arrived residents cannot qualify for this payment.
- (c) None. Claimants must lodge any claim for this payment in Australia.
- (d) Grants of Bereavement Allowance are projected to increase at an average of around 10 per cent across the forward estimates.