

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

Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 40

Topic: Reimbursement to Great Southern Rail for Concessional Fares

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Senator Cash asked:

"With respect to the Reimbursement to Great Southern Rail for Concessional Fares: a. Of these payments, how many were made for customers who are:

- i. Recipients of a pension (please provide a breakdown of the type of pension payment received);
- ii. Commonwealth Seniors Concession Card holders?"

Answer:

The number of passengers using Great Southern Rail services in 2011–12 is as follows:

- Pensioner Concession Card holders **31,164**, which includes:
 - Pensioners **29,055** (Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Paid Parenting(Single) and Carer Payment)
 - Veteran pensioners **1,954**
 - Blind pensioners **155**
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders **3,364**

A further breakdown of passengers by pension type is not readily available without the use of significant resources.