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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the Seniors Supplement; can you please provide the following information:

(a) A breakdown of recipients into categories (eg, those on DVA Gold Card)? (b) The number of recipients who receive a single payment? (c) The number of recipients who receive couple payments? (d) How many recipients received the payment for 'illness', 'separated', 'in respite care', or 'have a partner in prison'?

Answer:

(a) As at October 2012, the people who had received a recent Seniors Supplement payment were:

- FaHCSIA CSHC holders 291,697;
- DVA CSHC holders 6,117; and
- Certain DVA Gold Card holders 27,523.

(b) Approximately 25% of these received the single rate.

(c) Approximately 75% of these received the partnered rate.

(d) Data on the number of recipients who were separated due to illness, respite care or partner is in gaol is not readily available without the use of significant resources.