

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 301

Topic: Income support for Seniors

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Senator Moore asked:

In relation to the Widow B Pension, please provide:

1. Current number of recipients of the Widow B Pension;
2. Administered outlays of the Widow B Pension; and
3. Percentage and number of recipients on part rate due to the means test.

Answer:

1. As at 30 September 2013, there were 488 Widow B pension recipients (source: unpublished Department of Human Services administrative data).
2. In 2012-13, the outlays for Widow B pension were \$7.35 million (source: 2012-13 Annual Report for the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs).
3. As at 30 June 2013, 36.2 per cent or 178 Widow B pension recipients were receiving a part-rate pension due to the means test (source: 2012-13 Annual Report for the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs).