

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

Outcome Number: 9

Question No: 314

Topic: Income Support for People with Disability

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Senator Moore asked:

Can you indicate the number and percentage of people in receipt of the sickness allowance and in receipt of other payments?

Answer:

The number of recipients of Sickness Allowance, as at 27 September 2013, was 7,501. Those in receipt of Sickness Allowance are not eligible to receive other primary income support payments at the same time. The majority (99%) of Sickness Allowance recipients received other supplementary payments as tabled below.

	Sickness Allowance
Total Recipients	7,501
Total With One or More Supplements	7,449

Supplementary Payment paid to Sickness Allowance Recipients	No of Recipients
Carer Allowance	148
Family Tax Benefit	746
Mobility Allowance	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	7,425
Remote Area Allowance	109
Rent Assistance (a)	2,544
Telephone Allowance (b)	199
Income Support Bonus (c)	3,027

Data Descriptions

a) Includes Rent Assistance paid as a component of Family Tax

Recipients included in supplementary payment counts where

b) where recipient has received a quarterly supplementary payment for their current income support payment in the period July 2013 to September 2013, and

c) where recipient has received a six monthly supplementary payment for their current income support payment in the period April 2013 to September 2013, and

Note: in order to protect individuals' privacy, populations <20

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data