Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 347

Topic: Families and children

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Senator Moore asked:

"Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of dad and partner pay. Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of dad and partner pay."

Answer:

The following table provides a breakdown of the number of Dad and Partner Pay recipients by state since the introduction of the scheme on 1 January 2013 until 29 November 2013.

	Number of Dad and Partner Pay recipients
State	from 1/1/2013 to 29/11/2013
ACT	900
NSW	17,700
NT	400
QLD	11,800
SA	4,600
TAS	1,300
VIC	16,200
WA	5,500
Total	58,500*

* Please note that recipient numbers have been rounded to the nearest 100. Individual figures may not add up to the total figure due to rounding.

The following table provides the current budgeted expenses for Dad and Partner Pay, noting that the Government has committed to introduce a new scheme from 1 July 2015.

	2013–14 Budget \$'000	2014–15 Forward year 1 \$'000	2015–16 Forward year 2 \$'000	2016–17 Forward year 3 \$'000
Dad and Partner Pay	72,312	74,506	76,947	79,407