Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Families and Children

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Pensioner Education Supplement.

• Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

Answer:

The following table gives a breakdown of Pensioner Education Supplement recipients by state/territory.

Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by State/Territory as at 27 September 2013				
State/Territory	Pensioner Education Supplement			
Australian Capital Territory	521			
New South Wales	17,624			
Northern Territory	214			
Queensland	10,371			
South Australia	4,812			
Tasmania	1,653			
Victoria	11,478			
Western Australia	3,129			
Unknown	14			
Total	49,816			

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data

Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

The estimated cost of Pensioner Education Supplement over the forward estimates is as follows:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Pensioner Education Supplement - Expense				
(\$million)*	81.787	82.963	78.547	74.221

*Source: MYEFO 2013/14