

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

**Outcome Number:** 4

**Question No:** 368

**Topic:** Families and children

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Widow B Pension, Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

**Answer:**

The number of people by state/territory in receipt of Widow B Pension is set out below.

<b>State</b>	<b>Widow B Pension Recipients</b>
ACT	0
NSW	<20
NT	0
QLD	<20
SA	0
TAS	0
VIC	<20
WA	<20
Overseas	470
Total	488

Source: unpublished Department of Human Services administrative data as at 30 September 2013.

The forward estimates for Widow B Pension are set out below.

<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
\$ 7,634	\$ 7,480	\$ 7,381	\$ 7,564

Source: 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statement for the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs