

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.6 Income Support for Seniors

Question No: SQ15-000897

Topic: Income Support Characteristics

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Update Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment and Workplace Relations, Question on Notice, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13, DEEWR Question No. EW0545_13, for all portfolio payments.

Answer:

Attachment A provides recipients of income support payments by the age groups requested; principal carers on activity tested payments by age of youngest child; and recipients of Carer Allowance by income support payment type as at June 2015. Other requested data is available on data.gov at the following link: <<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as “<20” and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided “np”.

Attachment A

Payment by Age Group				
Age Group	<25	25-49	50+	Total
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	5,993	2,212	352	8,557
ABSTUDY (Non Living Allowance)	22,035	2,358	533	24,926
Age Pension	0	0	2,486,195	2,486,195
Austudy	0	43,624	3,945	47,569
Carer Allowance	13,416	237,570	350,378	601,364
Carer Payment	10,268	100,972	144,302	255,542
Disability Support Pension	53,750	297,997	462,644	814,391
Double Orphan Pension	47	570	610	1,227
Family Tax Benefit A	92,766	1,284,674	159,292	1,536,732
Family Tax Benefit B	88,981	1,113,486	138,495	1,340,962
Newstart Allowance	75,961	444,694	228,064	748,719
Parenting Payment Partnered	16,896	83,466	1,334	101,696
Parenting Payment Single	51,511	207,098	3,499	262,108
Partner Allowance	0	0	5,732	5,732
Sickness Allowance	473	4,263	3,201	7,937
Special Benefit	732	682	3,832	5,246
Widow Allowance	0	0	21,905	21,905
Widow B Pension	0	0	425	425
Wife Pension (AGE)	0	93	6,509	6,602
Wife Pension (DSP)	0	656	5,956	6,612
Youth Allowance (other)	112,620	0	0	112,620
Youth Allowance (student and apprentice)	218,724	12,294	0	231,018

Payments by age group								
Payment type	<15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	np	5,927	1,305	657	435	161	<20	8,557
ABSTUDY (Non Living Allowance)	14,188	7,847	1,073	893	638	227	60	24,926
Age Pension	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,486,195	2,486,195
Austudy	0	0	30,442	10,090	5,292	np	<20	47,569
Carer Allowance	38	13,378	53,053	119,358	127,104	121,880	166,553	601,364
Carer Payment	<20	np	25,733	45,822	62,313	73,575	37,831	255,542
Disability Support Pension	0	53,750	83,619	124,581	203,872	307,396	41,173	814,391
Double Orphan Pension	0	47	211	224	283	281	181	1,227
Family Tax Benefit A	<20	92,754	451,359	618,040	320,751	44,431	np	1,536,732
Family Tax Benefit B	<20	88,969	409,736	525,109	268,832	39,776	np	1,340,962
Newstart Allowance	0	75,961	172,585	181,553	171,631	146,989	0	748,719
Parenting Payment Partnered	0	16,896	49,801	30,709	3,706	np	<20	101,696
Parenting Payment Single	<20	51,497	121,415	75,692	12,056	1,427	<20	262,108
Partner Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	5,712	20	5,732
Sickness Allowance	0	473	1,470	1,741	2,249	2,004	0	7,937
Special Benefit	224	508	408	220	105	79	3,702	5,246
Widow Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	19,538	2,367	21,905
Widow B Pension	0	0	0	0	0	0	425	425
Wife Pension (AGE)	0	0	0	<20	np	4,936	1,239	6,602
Wife Pension (DSP)	0	0	0	166	1,838	4,179	429	6,612
Youth Allowance (other)	0	112,620	0	0	0	0	0	112,620
Youth Allowance (student and apprentice)	0	218,724	12,294	0	0	0	0	231,018

Activity tested principal carers by payment type and age of youngest child				
Payment type	Unknown	Under 6 years	6 years and over	Total Recipients
Newstart Allowance	2,060	583	118,487	121,130
Parenting Payment Single	<20	np	51,594	51,647
Youth Allowance (other)	<20	np	74	123
Total	2,074	671	170,155	172,900

Recipients of Carer Allowance by Income Support payment type	
Payment Type	Recipients
Carer Payment	240,018
Age Pension	104,455
Disability Support	29,702
Parenting Payment Single	14,899
Newstart Allowance	14,502
Parenting Payment Partnered	4,213
Wifes Pension (Age)	2,173
Wifes Pension (Disability)	2,093
Youth Allowance	829
Austudy	694
Partner Allowance	375
Widown Allowance	266
Sickness Allowance	171
Special Benefit	66
No Income Support Pension	186,908
Total	601,364

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS extract).