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Question No: SQ16-000339

Topic: Pension Education Supplement

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

Please provide the number of people in receipt of the pensioner education supplement by electorate and by state.

a) What is the average income of recipients of the pensioner education supplement?

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Pensioner Education Supplement recipients as at June 2016 according to the breakdown requested.

Note: To be eligible for the Pensioner Education Supplement, a student must be receiving a qualifying income support payment. Recipients may also be eligible for a range of other payments, such as Rent Assistance or Family Tax Benefit on top of their income support payment. Average income is not available and calculating the average income from all sources would require an unreasonable diversion of resources. Attachment A also includes earnings reported in addition to income support.

Table a) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by Commonwealth Electoral Division – June 2016		
State	Electorate	Recipients
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	190
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	250
New South Wales	Banks	142
New South Wales	Barton	116
New South Wales	Bennelong	107
New South Wales	Berowra	71
New South Wales	Blaxland	314
New South Wales	Bradfield	78
New South Wales	Calare	392
New South Wales	Charlton	296
New South Wales	Chifley	367
New South Wales	Cook	118
New South Wales	Cowper	409
New South Wales	Cunningham	295
New South Wales	Dobell	388
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	200
New South Wales	Farrer	282
New South Wales	Fowler	262
New South Wales	Gilmore	283
New South Wales	Grayndler	132
New South Wales	Greenway	151
New South Wales	Hughes	153
New South Wales	Hume	243
New South Wales	Hunter	344
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	129
New South Wales	Lindsay	352
New South Wales	Lyne	339
New South Wales	Macarthur	339
New South Wales	Mackellar	87
New South Wales	Macquarie	270
New South Wales	McMahon	237
New South Wales	Mitchell	91
New South Wales	New England	345
New South Wales	Newcastle	329
New South Wales	North Sydney	63
New South Wales	Page	451
New South Wales	Parkes	269
New South Wales	Parramatta	190
New South Wales	Paterson	300
New South Wales	Reid	110
New South Wales	Richmond	355

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State	Electorate	Recipients
New South Wales	Riverina	256
New South Wales	Robertson	235
New South Wales	Shortland	280
New South Wales	Sydney	145
New South Wales	Throsby	315
New South Wales	Warringah	67
New South Wales	Watson	187
New South Wales	Wentworth	68
New South Wales	Werriwa	276
Northern Territory	Lingiari	52
Northern Territory	Solomon	97
Queensland	Blair	442
Queensland	Bonner	175
Queensland	Bowman	223
Queensland	Brisbane	154
Queensland	Capricornia	209
Queensland	Dawson	184
Queensland	Dickson	180
Queensland	Fadden	326
Queensland	Fairfax	307
Queensland	Fisher	296
Queensland	Flynn	185
Queensland	Forde	390
Queensland	Griffith	164
Queensland	Groom	312
Queensland	Herbert	324
Queensland	Hinkler	433
Queensland	Kennedy	218
Queensland	Leichhardt	365
Queensland	Lilley	180
Queensland	Longman	467
Queensland	Maranoa	240
Queensland	McPherson	269
Queensland	Moncrieff	276
Queensland	Moreton	155
Queensland	Oxley	280
Queensland	Petrie	322
Queensland	Rankin	375
Queensland	Ryan	136
Queensland	Wide Bay	329
Queensland	Wright	248
South Australia	Adelaide	241

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State	Electorate	Recipients
South Australia	Barker	210
South Australia	Boothby	239
South Australia	Grey	225
South Australia	Hindmarsh	249
South Australia	Kingston	415
South Australia	Makin	254
South Australia	Mayo	169
South Australia	Port Adelaide	361
South Australia	Sturt	196
South Australia	Wakefield	587
Tasmania	Bass	231
Tasmania	Braddon	256
Tasmania	Denison	243
Tasmania	Franklin	167
Tasmania	Lyons	198
Victoria	Aston	174
Victoria	Ballarat	375
Victoria	Batman	209
Victoria	Bendigo	359
Victoria	Bruce	150
Victoria	Calwell	348
Victoria	Casey	208
Victoria	Chisholm	152
Victoria	Corangamite	247
Victoria	Corio	418
Victoria	Deakin	163
Victoria	Dunkley	310
Victoria	Flinders	209
Victoria	Gellibrand	207
Victoria	Gippsland	305
Victoria	Goldstein	85
Victoria	Gorton	326
Victoria	Higgins	111
Victoria	Holt	285
Victoria	Hotham	93
Victoria	Indi	250
Victoria	Isaacs	176
Victoria	Jagajaga	169
Victoria	Kooyong	102
Victoria	La Trobe	161
Victoria	Lalor	317
Victoria	Mallee	254

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State	Electorate	Recipients
Victoria	Maribyrnong	211
Victoria	McEwen	363
Victoria	McMillan	342
Victoria	Melbourne	205
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	114
Victoria	Menzies	119
Victoria	Murray	292
Victoria	Scullin	242
Victoria	Wannon	305
Victoria	Wills	213
Western Australia	Brand	316
Western Australia	Canning	275
Western Australia	Cowan	169
Western Australia	Curtin	94
Western Australia	Durack	124
Western Australia	Forrest	216
Western Australia	Fremantle	171
Western Australia	Hasluck	194
Western Australia	Moore	133
Western Australia	O'Connor	146
Western Australia	Pearce	226
Western Australia	Perth	155
Western Australia	Stirling	163
Western Australia	Swan	142
Western Australia	Tangney	84
Unknown	Unknown	122
Total		35,521

Table b) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by State – June 2016	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	11,261
Victoria	8,593
Queensland	8,193
South Australia	3,157
Western Australia	2,626
Tasmania	1,097
Northern Territory	149
Australian Capital Territory	441
Unknown	4
Total	35,521

Table c) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by Income from Earnings and other sources – June 2016			
Earnings	Total	Proportion of recipients	Average Amount (fortnight)
Had Earnings	6,289	18%	\$702.87
Had other income	22,838	64%	\$21.97

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)