

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances & Concessions for Seniors Question No: SQ16-000457**

**Topic: Senior Health Care Cards**

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**Senator Murray Watt** asked:

What is the breakdown of people receiving the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and the Health Care Card?

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides a breakdown of people receiving the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

**Attachment B** provides a breakdown of people receiving the Health Care Card.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than five are reported as "<5" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

**Attachment A**

<b>Commonwealth Seniors Health Card</b>		Australian Capital Territory	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Unknown	Australia
Gender	Male	2,438	48,181	428	25,854	9,536	2,886	36,448	14,245	151	140,167
	Female	2,838	51,124	375	26,371	9,676	2,745	38,438	14,663	161	146,391
Marital Status	Partnered	3,943	72,225	568	39,296	14,614	4,271	55,361	21,732	242	212,252
	Not partnered	1,333	27,080	235	12,929	4,598	1,360	19,524	7,176	70	74,305
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
Indigeneity	Indigenous	<5	122	6	62	18	7	33	27	n.p.	279
	Not Identified	n.p.	99,183	797	52,163	19,194	5,624	74,853	28,881	n.p.	286,279
Age	Under 16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	16-20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	21-24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	25-34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	35-44	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	45-54	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	55-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	65 and over	5,276	99,305	803	52,225	19,212	5,631	74,886	28,908	312	286,558
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,276</b>	<b>99,305</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>52,225</b>	<b>19,212</b>	<b>5,631</b>	<b>74,886</b>	<b>28,908</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>286,558</b>

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

**Attachment B**

<b>Health Care Card</b>		Australian Capital Territory	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Unknown	Australia
Gender	Male	6,106	150,734	9,443	126,103	50,227	16,225	161,205	59,838	292	580,173
	Female	9,234	260,430	12,656	191,315	70,159	23,341	257,546	83,120	339	908,140
Marital Status	Partnered	4,953	162,923	10,838	115,535	43,308	15,145	155,460	48,531	282	556,975
	Not partnered	10,185	246,498	11,230	200,104	76,465	24,189	256,987	93,463	344	919,465
	Unknown	202	1,743	31	1,779	613	232	6,304	964	5	11,873
Indigeneity	Indigenous	637	27,603	16,099	32,204	6,869	2,590	6,653	18,348	25	111,028
	Not Identified	14,703	383,561	6,000	285,214	113,517	36,976	412,098	124,610	606	1,377,285
Age	Under 16	18	310	7	258	221	26	139	137	0	1,116
	16-20	2,230	52,010	2,272	44,430	15,825	5,465	62,476	17,421	38	202,167
	21-24	2,634	49,668	2,866	39,793	16,865	5,157	63,857	17,870	69	198,779
	25-34	3,457	88,007	6,629	70,901	27,353	8,512	85,236	33,899	118	324,112
	35-44	3,519	101,170	5,205	74,319	27,430	8,313	90,252	33,601	205	344,014
	45-54	2,217	71,158	3,406	50,778	19,561	6,263	65,451	23,796	106	242,736
	55-64	1,068	42,147	1,513	32,108	11,713	5,037	40,686	14,135	71	148,478
	65 and over	197	6,694	201	4,831	1,418	793	10,654	2,099	24	26,911
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,340</b>	<b>411,164</b>	<b>22,099</b>	<b>317,418</b>	<b>120,386</b>	<b>39,566</b>	<b>418,751</b>	<b>142,958</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>1,488,313</b>

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