

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 296

Topic: Carer Payment

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Can the Department please provide a month by month breakdown since June 2010 of the number of recipients of the Carer Payment?

Please provide a breakdown of the current number of care receivers who are:

- a) A person who has a physical, intellectual or psychological disability;
- b) An adult who has a dependent child in their care;
- c) A child with severe disability, or a severe medical condition;
- d) Two or more children with disability or medical condition;
- e) A disabled adult with one or more children each with a disability or medical condition;
- f) A child with severe disability or severe medical condition on a short-term or episodic basis;
- g) A profoundly disabled child or a disable child (saved pre 1 July 2009)

Answer:

The following table provides the number of Carer Payment recipients by month from June 2010 to June 2011:

Date	Number of recipients
June 2010	168,913
July 2010	171,831
August 2010	173,319
September 2010	175,035
October 2010	176,753
November 2010	178,384
December 2010	179,922
January 2011	180,654
February 2011	181,137
March 2011	181,874
April 2011	183,557
May 2011	184,596
June 2011	186,065

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A breakdown of Carer Payment care receivers in the categories requested is not available. The following table provides the number of Carer Payment care recipients by qualification type as at June 2011.

Qualification type	Number of care recipients
Adult	169,441
Lower ADAT adult and eligible child	<20
Grandfathered – profoundly disabled child	4,903
Grandfathered – two children who combined require the care of a profoundly disabled child	118
Child with severe disability or severe medical condition	11,163
Two or more children each with a disability or medical condition	241
Disabled adult and one or more children each with a disability or medical condition	<20
Exchanged Care Children	<20
Unknown qualification type	<20
Total	185,891