

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Characteristics of income support recipients

Provide the number of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), Youth Allowance (student), Parenting Payment (Single), Parenting Payment (Partnered), Disability Support Pension, Age Pension, Carer Payment recipients as at end of January 2012:

- i. by state and territory;
- ii. by age;
- iii. by gender;
- iv. by Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- v. total numbers (Australia-wide).

Answer

The following tables provide the number of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment (Single), Parenting Payment (Partnered) Youth Allowance (student) as at the 27 January 2012 by state/territory; age; gender; Indigenous status and total numbers

Following the Machinery of Government change in December 2011, Youth Allowance (student) is administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 27 January 2012

Income Support Recipients by State and Territory

	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (student)
Australian Capital Territory	4338	657	3195	741	3969
New South Wales	173772	40150	102839	26043	82641
Northern Territory	9430	2875	3979	1800	523
Queensland	116699	22519	72794	23252	40524
South Australia	49042	8468	25117	7953	20326
Tasmania	17178	3559	9342	3149	6778
Victoria	129727	27869	70997	17046	73904
Western Australia	44106	8496	31635	7478	16917
Unknown ¹	135	179	79	41	677

Note (1) At time of extraction state/territory had not been recorded.

Income Support Recipients by Age

	<21 years	21 - 29 years	30 - 39 years	40 - 49 years	50 - 59 years	60+ years
Newstart Allowance		156348	119156	121286	99031	48606
Parenting Payment Partnered	4915	37383	49281	20156	2775	262
Parenting Payment Single	14209	98942	122161	72318	11637	710
Youth Allowance (other)	87503					
Youth Allowance (student)	170360	75899				

Income Support Recipients by Gender, Indigenous Status and Total

	Female	Male	Non Indigenous	Indigenous	Total
Newstart Allowance	228288	316139	495242	49185	544427
Parenting Payment Partnered	104853	9919	105558	9214	114772
Parenting Payment Single	304589	15388	286360	33617	319977
Youth Allowance (other)	42290	45213	74037	13466	87503
Youth Allowance (student)	134575	111684	244298	1961	246259

Age Pension, Carer Payment and Disability Support Pension are administered by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). At the time of request FaHCSIA was only able to supply data as at December 2011.

The following tables provide the number of Age Pension, Carer Payment and Disability Support Pension recipients as at December 2011 by state/territory; age; gender; Indigenous status and total numbers.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at December 2011; data provided by FaHCSIA.

FaHCSIA Payment Recipients by State and Territory

	Age Pension	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension
Australian Capital Territory	21257	1033	8310
New South Wales	725210	75452	270266
Northern Territory	7587	1130	10420
Queensland	406337	35164	163310
South Australia	195235	14594	77083
Tasmania	62061	7041	28066
Victoria	555399	49303	201359
Western Australia	189511	11269	64497
Unknown ¹	76128	197	8597

Note (1) The majority of the customer numbers in the "other" category are representative of customers residing overseas, however, this also includes customers where state/territory had not been recorded at time of the extraction.

FaHCSIA Payments by Age

	<25 years	25 – 34 years	35 – 44 years	45 – 54 years	55 – 64 years	65+ years

Age Pension					31825	2206900
Carer Payment	8084	17755	35374	50251	61492	22227
Disability Support Pension	54728	81408	132354	214442	325767	23209

These numbers exclude people residing overseas so may be an undercount of people eligible for payment.

FaHCSIA Payments by Gender, Indigenous Status and Total

	Female	Male	Indigenous	Not Indigenous	Unknown Indigenous status	Total
Age Pension	1250796	987929	13166	1812308	413251	2238725
Carer Payment	134852	60331	8706	175940	10537	195183
Disability Support Pension	384098	447810	44143	787765		831908