

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

income support payments

Parenting Payment Changes/NSA Principal Carer impacts. Of the single parents affected by the changes starting on 1 January 2013: • How many reside in each state and territory, and in total? Please cross tabulate by number of recipients who are indigenous and non-indigenous. • How many with currently on PPS earnings will not qualify for Newstart Allowance (Principal Carer), even under the relaxed income tapers? • How many live in i) regional, ii) remote or iii) very remote locations? • How many dependent children in each family? (e.g. 1 child, 2 children, 3, etc)? • How many report being of Indigenous/non-Indigenous background? • How many receive Carer Allowance? How many receive CA for 1, 2, 3 children, etc. (Provide data for Carer Allowance Child and Adult, if possible). • How many have one (or more) vulnerability indicators? (Provide a breakdown by type of vulnerability). How many have 1, 2, 3, etc. vulnerability indicators? • How many live in i) public housing ii) social housing? How many of these parents reported any earnings in a recent payment cycle? • How many receive Rent Assistance? Of these, how many receive the maximum rate of Rent Assistance? • How many i) are home-owners, or ii) are paying off a mortgage? • How many report having a disability? • How many with a disability i) also receive Carer Allowance or ii) have a child with a disability?

Answer

As at 31 August 2012, there are 110 581 Grandfathered Parenting Payment Single recipients who would be impacted by the 1 January 2013 changes to Parent Payment eligibility, and of this number 67 221 will be impacted immediately on this date.

The requested data is included in the following tables.

- Unless noted this data is for Grandfathered Parenting Payment Single recipients affected by the 1 January 2013 changes and is sourced from Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 31 August 2012.
- In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Table 1: Recipients by State and Indigenous status

	Indigenous	Non Indigenous
New South Wales	1695	20533
Northern Territory	284	208
Queensland	1096	12141
South Australia	275	5532
Tasmania	93	1791
Victoria	318	16606
Western Australia	566	5476
ACT & not Coded	36	571
Total	4363	62858

Table 2: Recipients by earnings

No earnings	26853
Earnings under \$1394.50	31534
Earnings \$1394.50 or more	8834
Total	67221

Table 3: Recipients by remoteness area

Major Cities of Australia	42966
Inner Regional Australia	16129
Outer Regional Australia	6804
Remote Australia	808
Very Remote Australia	410
Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area	103
Total	67221

Table 4: Recipients by number of dependent children.

Number of dependent children	
1	43634
2	18775
3	3996
4	690
5	110
> 6	<20

Table 5: Recipients by reported Indigenous/non-Indigenous background

Indigenous	4363
Not Indigenous	62858
Total	67221

Table 6: Recipients by those receiving Carer Allowance

Not receiving Carer Allowance	60326
Receiving Carer Allowance	6895
Total	67221

Table 7: Recipients by number of children paid on Carer Allowance

Number of Children	
1	5224
2	462
3	37
4	<20
5	<20
6	<20

Table 8: Recipients by number of adult Carer Allowances

Number of Adults	
1	1320
2	81

Table 9: Recipients by vulnerability indicator

Vulnerability	
Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator	6494
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	109
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	487
Homeless	131
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	2197
Jobseeker in Transition	<20
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	264
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	4496
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	60
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	<20
Significant caring responsibilities	356

Table 10: Recipients by those with multiple vulnerability indicators

Number of vulnerabilities	
0	60727
1	5060
2	1258
3	154
4	<20
5	<20
6	<20

Table 11: Recipients by lodgings and earnings

	Current earnings	No earnings	Total
Board and lodging	666	555	1221
Defence Force housing	<20	<20	<20
Free board	22	<20	32
Free board and lodgings	59	41	100
Free lodgings	<20	<20	37
Government rent	4021	6004	10025
Lodgings only	1001	817	1818
Maintenance fees for nursing home/ retirement home	<20	<20	<20
Mooring fees	<20	<20	<20
Net Rent Assessed	73	45	118
Other housing organisation	732	1015	1747
Private rent	19602	12221	31823
Respite Care fees	<20	<20	<20
Site fees	38	49	87
Not covered by any of the above	26	28	54
No rent paid	14109	6048	20157
Total	40368	26853	67221

Table 12: Recipients by Rent Assistance and Rent Assistance maximum rate

Total receiving Rent Assistance	33229
Receiving maximum Rent Assistance	13568
Not receiving Rent Assistance	33992
Total	67221

Table 13: Recipients by home ownership

Homeowner	15509
Non-homeowner	51712
Total	67221

Table 14: Recipients by work capacity

Partial Capacity to Work (0-29 hours per week)	1776
Full Capacity to Work (30+ hours per week)	65445
Total	67221

Table 15: Recipients by partial capacity to work and receipt of Carer Allowance

Not receiving Carer Allowance for a child	1600
Receiving Carer Allowance for a child	176
Total	1776