

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates February 2005

Question: HS48

Outcome 1, Output: Effective deliver of Australian Government services to eligible customers

Topic: Pension bonus scheme.

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Senator Evans asked on 15 February 2005:

For each financial year since the pension bonus scheme commenced, please indicate: (Please break this information down by state/territory.)

- How many applications have been made for the bonus;
- The number of people that have been paid the bonus;
- The total amount paid under the scheme; and
- The average bonus paid under the scheme.

Answer:

The number of applications made and number of people paid broken down by State is in the following tables.

The total amount paid under the pension bonus scheme as at 25 February 2005 is \$226.4 million.

The average bonus paid under the scheme is \$8,203.

State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Australian Capital Territory	1998-99	224	0
	1999-00	70	7
	2000-01	140	26
	2001-02	231	36
	2002-03	159	47
	2003-04	135	74
	2004-05	110	66

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State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
New South Wales	1998-99	9223	1
	1999-00	3235	453
	2000-01	3525	980
	2001-02	4347	1550
	2002-03	3787	1967
	2003-04	2638	2477
	2004-05	1807	1947

State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Northern Territory	1998-99	120	0
	1999-00	53	8
	2000-01	62	14
	2001-02	80	18
	2002-03	91	23
	2003/04	62	34
	2004-05	64	24

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State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Queensland	1998-99	5026	0
	1999-00	1949	282
	2000-01	2243	692
	2001-02	2576	970
	2002-03	2430	1228
	2003-04	1892	1492
	2004-05	1212	1087

State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
South Australia	1998-99	2070	0
	1999-00	673	96
	2000-01	823	236
	2001-02	791	414
	2002-03	929	439
	2003-04	682	630
	2004-05	448	397

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State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Tasmania	1998-99	519	0
	1999-00	182	33
	2000-01	227	62
	2001-02	234	69
	2002-03	228	126
	2003-04	159	167
	2004-05	98	176

State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Victoria	1998-99	6044	1
	1999-00	2232	344
	2000-01	2480	704
	2001-02	3568	980
	2002-03	3055	1247
	2003-04	2234	1756
	2004-05	1531	1442

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State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Western Australia	1998-99	2402	0
	1999-00	912	133
	2000-01	1160	281
	2001-02	1401	473
	2002-03	1258	553
	2003-04	965	766
	2004-05	694	538

State/Territory	Financial year	Applications (for Registration)	Number Paid
Unknown State or overseas (customer has no valid state address i.e., now deceased or currently overseas)	1998-99	204	0
	1999-00	67	5
	2000-01	74	11
	2001-02	82	26
	2002-03	70	20
	2003-04	55	20
	2004-05	51	12

* Note: Data on the number of Bonuses paid is continuously subject to revision to take into account various adjustments such as underpayments, overpayments and additional payments.