

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Pensioner Entitlement Review

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Question:

Please provide the breakdown of Advance Payment grants, by payment type, for 2008-09.

Answer:

The number of Advance Payment grants by payment type for 2008-09 is listed in the table below:

Payment Type	Number Granted
Abstudy	3,485
Age Pension	98,979
Austudy	6,592
Carer Payment	39,367
Family Tax Benefit	608,065
Disability Support Pension	231,943
Job Search Allowance	2
Mobility Allowance	6,469
Newstart Allowance	208,938
Newstart Mature Age Allowance	9
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	30,185
Parenting Payment (Single)	163,488
Widow Allowance	6,711
Widow B Pension	5
Wife (Age Pensioner)	1,513
Wife (Disability Support Pensioner)	3,418
Youth Allowance	76,022
Total	1,485,191

The number of Advance Payment grants is for the 12 months between 4 July 2008 and 3 July 2009. These figures include grants for: Social Security Entitlement Advance Payments; Special Employment Advance Payments; and Family Tax Benefit Advance Payments.