## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

#### **Outcome Number:** 4

**Question No:** 141

**Topic:** Pensions

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### Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can you provide a breakdown, month-by-month and by state, of the number of age pension recipients applying to utilise the pension advance option for 2012-13 financial year to date? Can you also provide <u>information</u> on how many of those applications have been denied?

### Answer:

The tables show Age Pension advance payment applicants and applications, by State or Territory, for the months of July 2012, August 2012 and September 2012, respectively.

July 2012

	State								
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
Number of applicants	8,364	4,820	4,832	2,028	1,663	810	182	343	
Number of applications rejected	526	300	220	115	93	36	9	42	

August 2012

	State								
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
Number of applicants	7,859	4,570	4,709	1,787	1,621	737	167	306	
Number of applications rejected	486	204	218	61	73	21	9	37	

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September 2012

	State								
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
Number of applicants	7,035	4,109	4,251	1,606	1,433	637	139	260	
Number of applications rejected	350	173	164	58	66	24	5	29	