# **Senate Community Affairs Committee**

# ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

# **2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

Outcome Number: 9 Question No: 73

**Topic:** Transfers to Newstart Allowance

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## **Senator Siewert** asked:

Can you provide the document listing details of how many single parents have been transferred onto Newstart, onto other payments and how many are out of the system completely.

#### **Answer:**

At 27 September 2013, the total number of Parenting Payment Single (PPS) recipients impacted by the 1 January 2013 changes to eligibility for Parenting Payment is as follows.

Im	pacted on 1 January 2013	Impacted 2 January 2013 to 27 September 2013	Total
63	,080,	5,562	68,642

Immediately following their PPS cancellation, the 68 642 affected parents were transitioned into the following cohorts<sup>1</sup>.

<b>Newstart Allowance</b>	No income support	Other payment
66,910	1,470	262

The table below shows a breakdown of the current income support payment and status of those who initially transferred to Newstart Allowance from 1 January 2013 to 27 September 2013.

Income Support Payment type and status <sup>2</sup> as at 27 September 2013	Formerly grandfathered PPS recipients
Remain on Newstart Allowance	52,591
No income support	10,968
Other Payments:	3,351