

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 9

**Question No:** 316

**Topic:** Income Support for People with Disability

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

1. Can you provide the latest data on overall costs associated with Mobility Allowance?
2. Can you confirm whether the Department has done any work on possible mechanisms for reducing the future costs associated with this payment?
3. Has the Department done any work relating to possible changes to any aspect of the current settings for Mobility Allowance?

**Answer:**

1. In the 2012-13 financial year, Mobility Allowance expenditure was \$144.695 million (*DEEWR 2012-13 Annual Report*).
2. The Department monitors all income support payments and regularly reviews their cost and effectiveness.
3. The Government is currently looking at Australia's system of social security to ensure that there is a balance between the incentive to work and the well-being of the individual.