

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

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 334

Topic: Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can you please provide the number and percentage of recipients on part rate due to the means test?

o Can you confirm whether the department has done any work on possible mechanisms for reducing the future costs associated with this payment?

o Has the department done any work relating to possible changes to any aspect of the current settings for the Wife Pension (DSP)?

Answer:

As at September 2013 there were 2,576 (30.2 percent) Wife Pension (DSP) recipients on part rate due to the means test.

The Department, as part of its ongoing business practice, monitors and reviews a range of factors in relation to income support payments including costs and policy settings.