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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Pension Bonus Scheme.
Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

Answer:

The number of people paid Pension Bonus payments by state/territory for the 2012-13 financial year is set out below.

State	Recipients of Pension Bonus payments 2012-13
NSW	3,878
NT	111
QLD	2,390
SA	799
TAS	211
VIC	2,985
WA	1,128
Other	19
Total	11,521

Source: unpublished Department of Human Services administrative data

Pension Bonus Scheme expenditure is part of the Age Pension appropriation. No separate forward estimates are available.

Each year, the Australian Government Actuary estimates the cost of liability for the Scheme for the Department's financial statements. This is an estimate of the amount accrued for claims that will be lodged in future years, over the life of the Scheme. The total accrued liability as at 30 June 2013 was estimated to be \$847 million. The Pension Bonus Scheme accrued liability is factored into the Age Pension appropriation forward estimates.