

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

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Topic: Families and children

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Sickness Allowance.

- Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

Answer:

The following table gives a breakdown of Sickness Allowance recipients by state/territory.

Recipients of Sickness Allowance by State/Territory as at 27 September 2013	
State/Territory	Sickness Allowance
Australian Capital Territory	91
New South Wales	2,082
Northern Territory	57
Queensland	1,770
South Australia	630
Tasmania	199
Victoria	2,038
Western Australia	628
Unknown	6
Total	7,501

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data

Recipients of Sickness Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and not in receipt of a zero rate of payment.

The estimated cost of Sickness Allowance over the forward estimates is as follows:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Sickness Allowance - Expense (\$million)*	106.053	103.366	105.593	108.423

*Source: MYEFO 2013/14