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Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Partner allowance, pension supplement and pharmaceutical allowance

Senator CASH: How many recipients of partner allowance also receive the pharmaceutical allowance and the pension supplement, if you have that one, as well? Mr Emerson: I am sorry, we will have to take the pharmaceutical allowance question on notice. check. We have the pension supplement figure. As at March 2013, the number of people on partner allowance who also received the pension supplement was 139. Senator CASH: It was 139? Mr Emerson: Correct. Senator CASH: And if I look at ATI under the Australian Taxation office, it is adjusted taxable income. Ms Paul: I think Ms Taylor wins; she was onto that. Senator CASH: Is that something you can provide, or do you need to take that on notice? Ms Taylor: We will take it on notice. Ms Paul: Especially when we do not quite know what it is. Ms Taylor: We will give you something back, Senator.

Answer

In the 2012–2013 financial year to 31 March 2013, 11 547 recipients of Partner Allowance were paid Pharmaceutical Allowance.

In the 2012–2013 financial year to 31 March 2013, 139 Partner Allowance recipients were paid Pension Supplement.

The adjusted taxable income bracket is not applicable to Partner Allowance recipients. Recipients of Partner Allowance are subject to the same income test as Newstart Allowance.