

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Please provide a breakdown of the latest available estimates for the number of recipients of the following income support payments: DSP, PPS, PPP, CP, NSA, YA (student), and YA (other) – both total numbers and disaggregated by:

- i. State/territory
- ii. Age
- iii. Sex
- iv. Indigenous status
- v. For principal carers of children on activity tested payments, whether the youngest child is 6 years or over
- vi. Partial capacity to work.

Answer

The following information is current as of 27 August 2010 and sourced from Centrelink Administrative Data.

Newstart Allowance (NSA), Parenting Payment Partnered (PPP), Parenting Payment Single (PPS), Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)), and Youth Allowance (student) (YA(s)) are the portfolio responsibility of DEEWR.

Disability Support Pension (DSP) and Carer Payment (CP) are the portfolio responsibilities of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Table 1 - Number of Recipients by State/Territory

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)	YA(s)	DSP	CP
NSW	179 148	42 696	107 830	25 197	102 440	257 653	66 517
VIC	126 517	29 444	74 552	15 690	91 686	192 859	44 186
QLD	113 120	23 521	72 897	21 589	50 489	153 908	31 289
SA	43 890	8 794	25 896	6 938	25 254	74 740	13 092
WA	43 107	9 231	31 999	6 759	22 793	62 823	10 284
TAS	16 496	3 843	9 521	2 730	8 613	27 320	6 388
NT	9 133	3 019	4 169	1 894	684	9 839	983
ACT	4 154	698	3 305	593	5 585	7 830	926
Not Coded	181	310	189	49	1 340	9 708	279

Table 2 –Number of Recipients by Age

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)	YA(s)	DSP	CP
< 15		<20	<20				
15-24	82 321	19 079	52 334	81 439	300 979	51 401	6 755
25-34	131 668	52 473	122 455		7 905	77 111	14 767
35-44	123 430	39 658	114 136			127 707	31 885
45-54	110 172	9 309	38 120			207 735	46 485
55-64	88 155	1 033	3 290			315 528	56 576
65+		<20	<20			17 198	17 476

Table 3 –Number of Recipients by Gender

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)	YA(s)	DSP	CP
Male	326 076	10 117	16 438	43 058	139 300	435 427	53 881
Female	209 670	111 439	313 920	38 381	169 584	361 253	120 063

Table 4 –Number of Indigenous Recipients

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)	YA(s)	DSP	CP
Indigenous	47 296	9 189	32 411	13 135	2 390	39 210	7 213

Table 5 –Number of Principal Carer Parent Recipients

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)
With youngest child 6+ years	37 763	16 471	130 610	48
Total recipients	38332	121 556	330 358	68

Table 6 –Number of Recipients with Partial Capacity to Work

Payment	NSA	PPP	PPS	YA(o)
Recipients	92 317	3 357	12 269	4 087