

Attachment F

Special Benefit (SpB) by Case Type 1964-1981

Year	Woman caring for sick parent, relative or child	Man caring for sick wife, parent or child	Confinement	Unmarried expectant mother <16	Deserted wife/husband in prison	Persons residentially ineligible for pension	Persons over age for unemployment or sickness benefit	Other	Men	Women	Total
1964	1495	.	n.a.	n.a.	361	438	103	180	509	2068	2577
1965	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	523	1900	2423
1966	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	516	1813	2329
1967	1157	.	n.a.	n.a.	439	261	112	179	425	1723	2148
1968	1044	77	n.a.	n.a.	607	249	106	582	449	2216	2655
1969	894	81	2017	n.a.	568	244	119	264	475	3712	4187
1970	829	106	2250	n.a.	164	212	55	188	417	3387	3804
1971	758	88	2846	n.a.	2	155	71	105	312	3713	4025
1972	691	86	2945	n.a.	1	115	58	90	268	3718	3986
1973	802	170	2975	n.a.	.	189	58	163	455	3902	4357
1974	817	339	3282	113	.	300	79	234	704	4460	5164
1975	896	468	2601	160	.	313	135	979	1348	4204	5552
1976	1098	654	2417	197	.	543	212	2103	2321	5045	7433
1977	1209	855	2522	201	.	695	173	3160	3383	5541	8892
1978	1254	932	2908	192	.	1231	358	4089	4414	7155	11977
1979	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5450	7850	13300
1980	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8020	12860	20880
1981	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7300	11350	18650

Notes

- 1 Sources: T.H. Kewley Social Security in Australia 1900-72, DSS Statistical Summary 1966-75, DSS Statistical Summary 1969-78, DSS Statistical Summary 1976-86.
- 2 n.a = data not available, . = data not reported.
- 3 All figures as at year ending June 30.
- 4 All figures in table exclude SpB paid to migrants in accommodation centres and Australian hostels.
- 5 Introduction of *States Grants (Deserted Wives) Act 1968* in July 1968 (applied retrospectively January 1968).
- 6 From 1968-69, SpB included ex-nuptial confinement cases, previously included in Sickness Benefit.
- 7 From April 1970, Victoria participated in providing assistance to women not eligible for Commonwealth assistance under the *States Grants (Deserted Wives) Act 1968*. Since 1947 the Commonwealth had paid women in Victoria in this circumstance SpB in the absence of any state assistance.
- 8 From October 1973, SpB became payable to unmarried expectant mothers under 16 years of age on the same basis as other confinement cases.
- 9 Women SpB and Total SpB 1976-78 revised in DSS Statistical Summary 1976-86.
- 10 In November 1980, repeal of six month qualifying period for Supporting Parents' Benefit (SPB) and *States Grants (Deserted Wives) Act 1968*.