

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: People paying more than 30% of their income on rent

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Question:

How many people receiving the coronavirus supplement and Rent Assistance before 25 September were paying more than 30% of their income on rent? How many were paying more than 50% of their income on rent?

Answer:

Number and percentages of income units/recipient households receiving Rent Assistance and an income support payment that attracts Coronavirus Supplement paying more than 30 or 50 per cent of income in rent without or with Rent Assistance before 25 September 2020 (as at 18 September 2020).

	Paying more than 30% of income in rent	Paying more than 50% of income in rent
with Rent Assistance	266,423 (28.3%)	69,627 (7.4%)

Note: CRA recipient households where at least one member is eligible for an income support payment attracting Coronavirus Supplement have been included in the data, including some nil rate recipients.

A small number of CRA recipient households have been excluded due to lack of details to calculate income and rent ratio.

Source: Department of Social Services (unpublished data)