

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

**Outcome Number:** 3

**Question No:** 350

**Topic:** Low Income Supplement

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the number of recipients of the Low Income Supplement by:

- state/territory;
- electorate;
- average wage of recipients (in income brackets);
- age of recipients;
- number of dependants (if available); and
- other payments received.

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the number of Low Income Supplement recipients by state/territory, and by electorate. It is sourced from unpublished customer data at 28 June 2013.

Data is not collected on the number of Low Income Supplement recipients by

- average wage of recipients (in income brackets);
- age of recipients;
- number of dependants ; and
- other payments received:
  - Legislation states a person cannot be in receipt of an income support payment or pension and receive the Low Income Supplement. They must meet an 'excluded payment' requirement which identifies whether they have received some government assistance, either through one of the other clean energy payments or through other government payments.