

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number:** 3

**Question No:** 407

**Topic:** Special Benefit payment

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide an update of Supplementary Estimates QoN 225.

**Answer:**

The following tables provide a breakdown of Special Benefit payment recipients as at December 2013.

a. Age

0 - 12	199
13	<20
14	<20
15	356
16	<20
17	<20
18	<20
19 - 24	172
25 - 34	359
35 - 44	193
45 - 54	100
55 - 64	68
65 and over	3,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,350</b>

b. Gender

Female	2,748
Male	2,602
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,350</b>

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c. Country of birth

China	1,833
Australia	534
India	305
Vietnam	230
Philippines	219
Sri Lanka	206
Fiji	171
Iraq	124
Russian Federation	117
Afghanistan, Islamic State of	111
Lebanon	106
United Kingdom	87
Iran	84
Egypt	74
Republic of Korea	68
Other	1,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,350</b>

d. Indigenous/non-Indigenous

Indigenous	78
Non-Indigenous	4,529
Unknown	743
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,350</b>

e. State and Territory

Australian Capital Territory	65
New South Wales	2,691
Northern Territory	<20
Queensland	542
South Australia	229
Tasmania	43
Victoria	1,472
Western Australia	273
Unknown	<20
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i. Rental circumstances

Board and lodgings	643
Free board and lodgings	165
Free lodgings	540
Government rent	574
Lodging fees	746
No rent paid	192
Other Housing Organisation	163
Private rent	1,946
Other	381
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,350</b>

The Department of Social Services does not have breakdowns of Special Benefit recipients available by:

f. homelessness indicator,

g. vulnerability indicator:

h. independent living status of young people (including reasons for independence).