

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 440

Topic: Carer Supplement

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Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Supplement by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- g. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets; and
- m. other payments received.

Answer:

The tables below provide data as at December 2013 on the number of recipients of Carer Supplement in 2013-14.

a. Age

Age Range	Number
0-24	14,516
25-34	53,877
35-44	122,237
45-54	123,572
55-64	123,861
65 and over	158,965
Total	597,028

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b. State/Territory

State/Territory	Number
Australian Capital Territory	5,422
New South Wales	210,991
Northern Territory	2,707
Queensland	113,205
South Australia	47,940
Tasmania	16,943
Victoria	159,119
Western Australia	40,241
Unknown	460
Total	597,028

c. Electorate

Electorate	Number
Adelaide	2,919
Aston	3,068
Ballarat	4,853
Banks	4,046
Barker	4,232
Barton	4,353
Bass	3,022
Batman	4,705
Bendigo	5,019
Bennelong	2,595
Berowra	1,849
Blair	4,666
Blaxland	8,262
Bonner	2,683
Boothby	2,689
Bowman	3,493
Braddon	3,777
Bradfield	1,525
Brand	3,660
Brisbane	1,248
Bruce	4,258
Calare	4,290
Calwell	8,634

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Canberra	2,651
Canning	3,601
Capricornia	3,164
Casey	2,999
Charlton	4,971
Chifley	6,892
Chisholm	2,807
Cook	2,502
Corangamite	3,852
Corio	5,141
Cowan	2,800
Cowper	6,029
Cunningham	4,212
Curtin	1,250
Dawson	3,184
Deakin	2,771
Denison	2,525
Dickson	2,836
Dobell	4,880
Dunkley	3,650
Durack	2,554
Eden-Monaro	3,605
Fadden	3,824
Fairfax	3,499
Farrer	4,343
Fisher	3,755
Flinders	4,084
Flynn	3,616
Forde	4,187
Forrest	2,812
Fowler	8,458
Franklin	2,837
Fraser	2,744
Fremantle	2,710
Gellibrand	4,419
Gilmore	5,384

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Gippsland	5,283
Goldstein	2,273
Gorton	7,714
Grayndler	3,058
Greenway	3,706
Grey	5,005
Griffith	1,707
Groom	3,575
Hasluck	3,131
Herbert	3,509
Higgins	1,924
Hindmarsh	3,508
Hinkler	6,943
Holt	6,160
Hotham	3,853
Hughes	3,859
Hume	4,258
Hunter	4,641
Indi	4,054
Isaacs	4,137
Jagajaga	3,041
Kennedy	3,640
Kingsford Smith	3,176
Kingston	4,984
Kooyong	1,710
La Trobe	3,400
Lalor	7,455
Leichhardt	3,094
Lilley	2,743
Lindsay	4,905
Lingiari	1,171
Longman	5,282
Lyne	5,968
Lyons	4,379
Macarthur	5,290
Mackellar	1,810

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Macquarie	3,287
Makin	3,833
Mallee	4,606
Maranoa	4,581
Maribyrnong	4,906
Mayo	3,306
McEwen	4,839
McMahon	7,622
McMillan	4,480
McPherson	3,517
Melbourne	2,597
Melbourne Ports	2,061
Menzies	2,968
Mitchell	2,285
Moncrieff	3,415
Moore	2,031
Moreton	2,457
Murray	4,812
New England	4,530
Newcastle	3,744
North Sydney	1,308
O'Connor	2,854
Oxley	3,438
Page	5,616
Parkes	4,633
Parramatta	4,544
Paterson	5,328
Pearce	3,089
Perth	2,309
Petrie	3,940
Port Adelaide	5,964
Rankin	4,002
Reid	3,841
Richmond	4,640
Riverina	4,189
Robertson	4,007

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Ryan	1,784
Scullin	6,350
Shortland	5,194
Solomon	1,418
Stirling	2,657
Sturt	3,339
Swan	2,296
Sydney	1,864
Tangney	1,878
Throsby	5,469
Wakefield	6,914
Wannon	4,008
Warringah	1,349
Watson	6,492
Wentworth	1,413
Werriwa	6,405
Wide Bay	5,413
Wills	5,634
Wright	4,076
Unknown	13,756
Total	597,028

d. Sex

Sex	Number
Female	437,266
Male	159,622
Unknown	140
Total	597,028

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e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status

Indigenous Status	Number
Indigenous	17,978
Non-Indigenous	537,373
Unknown	41,677
Total	597,028

f. Condition/disability of person for whom they are caring

First listed medical condition	Number of Care Receivers
Autistic Disorder	49,950
Osteoarthritis	49,284
Depression	32,807
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - other	29,708
Asperger's Disorder	23,565
Learning Disability	20,632
Circulatory System - other e.g. Vasculitis	20,599
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	18,834
IQ is less than 55	16,894
Diabetes - insulin dependent	14,662
Anxiety	14,261
Schizophrenia	13,786
Hypertension	13,138
Coronary Artery Disease	12,447
Senile Dementia	12,278
Spinal Disorder - other	11,731
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11,697
Diabetes – non insulin dependent	10,436
Arthritis - other	8,948
Other medical conditions	251,698
Cannot be extracted from available data	1,861
Total	639,216

Data as at March 2014.

Note: The above table is a count of care receivers by medical condition. The medical conditions are not available for all care receivers because the table has been produced by matching records from two sources of administrative data.

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m. Other payments received.

Carer Supplement is only paid to carers receiving one or more qualifying payments. The number of carers receiving each qualifying payment is shown in the table below. These should not be added because some carers are counted more than once, for example, a carer receiving both Carer Allowance and Carer Payment would be counted twice. Carers might also receive other social security payments. The Department of Social Services does not have this data available.

Qualifying Payment	Number of Carer Supplement Recipients
DVA – Wife Pension	<20
DVA – Partner Service Pension	14,939
Carer Allowance	583,111
DVA – Carer Service Pension	<20
Wife Pension (AGE)	2,444
Wife Pension (DSP)	2,684
Carer Payment	230,789

The following questions are not relevant to the payment:

- g. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
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