

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Income Support Payments - Advance Payments

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### Question:

- For income support payments, for 2010-11, provide the number of 'Advance Payments' granted, by payment type.
- Provide details of the amount of advances paid for each payment type.
- Where more than one advance per year is allowed, how many on each payment use this option.

#### Answer:

- a) and b) Number and Amount of Advance Payments Granted by Payment Type in the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011:

Payment Type	No. of Advance Payments	Total Amount
ABSTUDY	4,227	\$1,881,211
Age Pension	231,446	\$158,807,631
Austudy	7,929	\$3,799,747
Carer Payment	116,324	\$82,034,096
Disability Support Pension	561,711	\$405,425,113
Mobility Allowance	6,867	\$7,688,766
Newstart Allowance	262,870	\$128,608,818
Parenting Payment Partnered	36,404	\$17,663,378
Parenting Payment Single	167,372	\$82,144,688
Widow Allowance	6,190	\$3,035,098
Wife Pension (Age Pension partner)	2,516	\$1,563,921
Wife Pension (Disability Support Pension partner)	5,159	\$3,242,979
Widow B Pension	8	\$7,066
Youth Allowance	103,932	\$45,902,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,512,955</b>	<b>\$941,805,082</b>

The table above provides the total number and amount of Advance Payments granted in the 2010-11 financial year for each primary payment type.

c) Number of customers receiving more than one advance in 2010-11 by payment type:

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>No. of Customers</b>
ABSTUDY	2
Age Pension	68,607
Austudy	4
Carer Payment	36,424
Disability Support Pension	182,195
Mobility Allowance	0
Newstart Allowance	1,289
Parenting Payment Partnered	11
Parenting Payment Single	288
Widow Allowance	4
Wife Pension (Age Pension partner)	676
Wife Pension (Disability Support Pension partner)	1,544
Widow B Pension	3
Youth Allowance	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>291,175</b>