

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-173

OUTCOME 9: Private Health

Topic: MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many Australians in 2010-11 had to pay the Medicare levy surcharge?

Answer:

The following has been supplied by the Department of Treasury.

Reliable data in regard to the number of tax filers paying the Medicare levy surcharge in 2010-11 is not yet available as only a portion of the tax returns for 2010-11 would be lodged to date. However, based on 2008-09 Taxation Statistics 193,649 tax filers were liable for the Medicare levy surcharge in relation to the 2008-09 income year.