

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Baby Bonus

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Question:

- a) How many recipients of the Baby Bonus were there in 2011-12? Please break this down by state and territory.
- b) What was the total expenditure on the Baby Bonus in 2011-12 on a state and territory basis?
- c) How much was the Baby Bonus as a percentage of the total Centrelink budget?

Answer:

- a) Recipients of the Baby Bonus in 2011-12:

	Customers
Australian Capital Territory	1,999
New South Wales	50,334
Northern Territory	2,637
Queensland	34,732
South Australia	10,683
Tasmania	3,571
Victoria	36,630
Western Australia	16,740
Unknown	255
Total	157,581

- b) The total value of Baby Bonus payments made by the Department of Human Services in 2011-12 was \$1.01 billion. Payment data is not readily held in a format that enables a state and territory breakup. To compile this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- c) The Baby Bonus payment represents 1.02 per cent of the third party payments made by the Department of Human Services from and on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in regard to the Centrelink Master Program as detailed in the Human Services Portfolio Budget Statements 2012-13 (Budget Related Paper No. 1.11 page 17).