

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Carer Allowance

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Question:

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

Answer:

- a) Recipients of Carer Allowance as at the 29 June 2012

State	Carer Allowance
Australian Capital Territory	5,020
New South Wales	193,416
Northern Territory	2,703
Queensland	103,039
South Australia	44,907
Tasmania	15,655
Victoria	147,001
Western Australia	37,737
Unknown	160
Total	549,638

- b) The total value of payments made by the Department of Human Services for Carer Allowance - Adult in 2011-12 was \$1.27 billion and for Carer Allowance – Child in 2011-12 was \$478 million. Payment data is not readily held in a format that enables a state and territory breakup and to compile this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c) The Carer Allowance - Adult represents 1.28 per cent and Carer Allowance – Child represents 0.48 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).