

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Advance Payment

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Question:

For 2012-13:

- Provide details of the number of 'Advance Payments' by payment type.
- Provide details of the cost of the advances paid, for each payment type.
- Where more than one advance is allowed, how many on each payment access this option?

Answer:

Payment type	Number of Advance Payments	Total amount paid	Number of customers who have accessed more than 1 advance in financial year *
Abstudy	3,574	\$1 651 070.76	n/a
Age Pension	260,981	\$202 625 088.75	85,117
Austudy	10,666	\$5 089 694.90	n/a
Carer Payment	150,331	\$119 849 589.53	51,165
Disability Support Pension	618,467	\$511 170 369.69	214,134
Family Tax Benefit	841,895	\$428 453 861.01	33,292
Mobility Allowance	6,483	\$7 750 709.20	n/a
Newstart Allowance	307,045	\$149 761 432.81	n/a
Parenting Payment (partnered)	35,270	\$17 066 490.72	n/a
Parenting Payment (single)	152,320	\$74 666 967.53	n/a
Widow Allowance	5,113	\$2 501 851.53	n/a
Widow B Pension	10	\$10346.75	4
Wife (Age) Pension	2,364	\$1 693 202.12	733
Wife (DSP) Pension	4,079	\$2 926 501.67	1,299
Youth Allowance	106,985	\$49 275 593.14	n/a

* n/a indicates the payment only allows for one Advance to be paid per year.