

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 56**

**Topic: CRA**

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**Senator McLucas** asked:

Please provide the latest number of people by state and territory in receipt of rent assistance and also the estimated costs over the forward estimates of that payment.

**Answer:**

At June 2013, 1,267,979 individuals and families were receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance, by state and territory as follows:

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Location/State	Income Units(a)
NSW	421325
VIC	287671
QLD	316401
SA	94951
WA	97285
TAS	32916
NT	6579
ACT	10828
Other(b)	23
AUS	1267979

(a) An income unit comprises a single person (with or without dependent children) or a couple (with or without dependent children). Single social security recipients living together in the same household are regarded as separate.

(b) Includes other Territories and unknown addresses.

Source: Commonwealth Housing data set 14 June 2013.

The Department does not produce forward year expenditure estimates for Rent Assistance.