

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

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 321

Topic: Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can you please provide data on the percentage and number of recipients of the Carer Payment on part rate due to the means test?

o Can you confirm whether the department has done any work on possible mechanisms for reducing the future costs associated with this payment?

o Has the department done any work relating to possible changes to any aspect of the current settings for the Carer Payment?

Answer:

As at September 2013 there were 55,265 (24.1 percent) Carer Payment recipients on part rate due to the means test.

The Department, as part of its ongoing business practice, monitors and reviews a range of factors in relation to income support payments including costs and policy settings.