

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

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 328

Topic: Income Support for Carers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide the latest data on administered outlay associated with the Carer Supplement?

- 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 Supplement?

Answer:

In 2012-13 administered outlays on Carer Supplement were \$506.20 million.

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.