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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Clean Energy Advance. Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

Answer:

Pensioners, most allowance and fortnightly Family Tax Benefit recipients received their Clean Energy Advance lump-sum in May and June 2012.

The table below gives the latest number of youth and student allowance and annual lump-sum Family Tax Benefit recipients, who received a Clean Energy Advance between July and September 2013.

State	Number of recipients Between 1 July and 30 September 2013	
	Youth and Student Allowees	Family Tax Benefit (lump-sum recipients only)
(unknown)	549	52
ACT	6,223	581
NSW	156,997	12,839
NT	5,889	460
QLD	100,503	9,300
SA	40,504	3,182
TAS	13,747	1,188
VIC	134,267	10,444
WA	38,429	4,259
Total	497,108	42,305

Source: unpublished Department of Human Services administrative data.

The Clean Energy Advance is a legislated lump-sum payment paid to recipients of social security and family assistance payments in the period before the Clean Energy Supplement commences. For most customers, there will be no more Clean Energy Advance payments made after 31 December 2013.

However, families who receive their Family Tax Benefit as an annual lump sum will have the Clean Energy Advance included in their entitlements for the 2012-13 financial year, when their claims are processed. Eligibility for the Clean Energy Advance for 2012-13 will continue until 30 June 2014 for Family Tax Benefit lump sum recipients, as well as for families entitled to a top-up payment.

There are no estimated future costs for Clean Energy Advance after 30 June 2014.