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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Widow Allowance.

- Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the Widow Allowance.

Answer:

The following table gives a breakdown of Widow Allowance recipients by state/territory.

Recipients of Widow Allowance by State/Territory - as at 27 September 2013	
State/Territory	Widow Allowance
Australian Capital Territory	158
New South Wales	9,269
Northern Territory	122
Queensland	5,160
South Australia	1,766
Tasmania	783
Victoria	6,770
Western Australia	2,047
Unknown	60
Total	26,135

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (Blue Book dataset)

Recipients of Widow Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of CDEP Participation Supplement or a zero rate of payment.

The estimated cost of Widow Allowance over the forward estimates is as follows:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Widow Allowance - Expense (\$million)*	356.843	324.049	289.006	252.051

*Source: MYEFO 2013/14