

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

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Topic: Families and children

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Senator Moore asked:

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

Answer:

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

Recipients of Youth Allowance by State/Territory - as at 27 September 2013				
State/Territory	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (student)	Youth Allowance (apprentice)	Youth Allowance Total
Australian Capital Territory	909	4,708	86	5,703
New South Wales	30,588	79,149	2,344	112,081
Northern Territory	2,268	448	<20	2,724
Queensland	27,287	41,441	1,199	69,927
South Australia	9,487	19,774	422	29,683
Tasmania	3,901	5,777	197	9,875
Victoria	22,722	75,353	2,354	100,429
Western Australia	8,865	17,106	297	26,268
Unknown	15	647	np	662
Total	106,042	244,403	6,907	357,352

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data

Recipients of Youth Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system. In order to protect individuals' privacy, populations <20 are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

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

Expense \$M	MAJOR EXPENDITURE ITEMS - Forecast				
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Youth Allowance - Other	1088.4	1212.0	1030.3	1035.9	1037.1
Youth Allowance Student	2590.6	2460.9	2435.8	2497.2	2596.4
Total	3679.0	3672.9	3466.1	3533.1	3633.6

Source: 2013-14 MYEFO