

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

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 370

**Topic:** Families and children

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please also provide the latest number of people in receipt of special benefit?

Please provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the special benefit?

**Answer:**

As at September 2013 there were 5,358 Special Benefit recipients.

The table below provides the estimated cost of Special Benefit for 2013-14 to 2016-17 as published in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14.

2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000
77,446	83,953	90,990	97,730