

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

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 430**

**Topic:** Special Benefit payment

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Special Benefit.

o Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of the above payment.

**Answer:**

The table below provides the number of Special Benefit recipients by State/Territory as at September 2013.

State/Territory	Number
Australian Capital Territory	72
New South Wales	2,713
Northern Territory	14
Queensland	479
South Australia	244
Tasmania	47
Victoria	1,509
Western Australia	280
Total	5,358

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