

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 196

Topic: Partner Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Partner Allowance by:

- (a) age;
- (b) state/territory;
- (c) electorate;
- (d) sex;
- (e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- (f) condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- (g) duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- (h) number and percentage reporting other employment;
- (i) number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- (j) reported hours of work undertaken;
- (k) reported income from employment;
- (l) reported income from other assets; and
- (m) other payments received.

Answer:

The data requested as at June 2014 for question parts a-e and g-i are available on data.gov.au at the following link: <<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

September data will be available in late 2014.

Data for question part f are not available.

Data as at June 2014 data for question parts j-m are provided in **Attachment A**. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

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Attachment A

j) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
No hours	7,694
1 - 14 hours	202
15 - 29 hours	150
30 hours +	145
Total	8,191

k) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	7,674
\$1 - \$61	np
\$62 - \$235	135
\$236 - \$249	<20
\$250 Plus	328
Total	8,191

l) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Earnings from other sources	
Earnings last fortnight from other sources	Recipients
Nil earnings	956
\$1 - \$61	6,484
\$62 - \$235	657
\$236 - \$249	<20
\$250 Plus	np
Total	8,191

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m) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Supplementary Payments (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
Supplement	Recipients
Carer Allowance	521
Clean Energy Supplement	8,183
Family Tax Benefit	50
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	<20
Mobility Allowance	<20
Pension Supplement	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	7,300
Remote Area Allowance	44
Rent Assistance	105
Telephone Allowance	1,511
Utilities Allowance	4,511
Education Entry Payment	<20

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)