

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 201**

**Topic: Partner Allowance**

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**Senator Moore asked:**

Please provide the projected costs of Partner Allowance over the forward estimates by month.

**Answer:**

Total annual expenditure for Partner Allowance for 2014-15 is published in the Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statement 2014-15, page 82.

The following table provides projected administered expenditure by month for Partner Allowance for 2014-15.

<b>Month</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
	Partner Allowance (Benefit)	Partner Allowance (Pension)	Partner Allowance (Total)
July	0.994	7.389	8.383
August	0.467	6.371	6.838
September	0.420	6.652	7.072
October	0.523	6.348	6.870
November	0.389	5.306	5.695
December	0.393	5.939	6.332
January	0.252	5.197	5.449
February	0.188	4.608	4.796
March	0.207	5.018	5.225
April	0.176	4.174	4.350
May	0.172	4.072	4.244
June	0.117	3.772	3.888
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.298</b>	<b>64.846</b>	<b>69.142</b>

Note:

- 1) Projected expenditure is not readily available by month for financial years beyond 2014-15.
- 2) Variations in forecast expenditure can occur due to a variety of reasons such as policy changes, changes to population, labour market and economic circumstances.