

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 250**

**Topic:** Carer Allowance

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer 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 27 June 2014 for questions a-e and g 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 f and m are provided in the **Attachment A**, while information is not collected for questions h-l.

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**Attachment A**

<b>(f) Primary medical condition of the care receivers (top 20)</b>	<b>Care receivers</b>
Autistic disorder	56,350
Osteoarthritis	48,427
Depression	33,045
Musculo-skeletal disorder - other	30,351
Asperger's disorder	23,649
Circulatory system – other e.g. vasculitis	19,828
Learning disability	18,372
Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder	17,529
IQ is less than 55	15,935
Diabetes – insulin dependant	14,752
Anxiety	14,154
Schizophrenia	13,649
Spinal disorder - other	12,641
Hypertension	12,617
Ischemic heart disease	12,008
Senile dementia	11,984
Coronary artery disease	11,284
Diabetes – non-insulin dependant	10,931
Arthritis - other	8986
Cerebral palsy	8760
Other medical condition	242,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>637,626</b>

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

<b>(m) Carer Allowance recipients by other income support payments</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Carer Payment	229,200
Age Pension	103,766
Disability Support Pension	30,753
Parenting Payment Single	15,275
Newstart Allowance	14,209
Parenting Payment Partnered	4525
Wife Pension - Age	2413
Wife Pension - DSP	2405
Youth Allowance	889
Austudy	621
Other ISP	1099
No income support	185,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>590,181</b>

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