

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Carer Payment

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide data on the number of people who have exited Carer Payment and gone onto other income support payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by payment types (including Newstart and the Disability Support Pension); and if possible, number of people who have exited Carer Payment and not gone onto other payments from January 2013 to January 2014, broken down by reason for exiting Carer Payment.

Answer:

The data requested as at 30 June 2014 are available in **Attachment A**.

Attachment A

i) Number of persons who have exited Carer Payment during 2013, who have gone onto other income support payments by 30 June 2014 by first income support payment granted since exiting Carer Payment	Recipients
Age Pension	5248
Austudy	235
Bereavement Allowance	<20
Disability Support Pension	1855
Service Pension/Income Support Supplement	80
Newstart Allowance	12,644
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	711
Parenting Payment (Single)	1734
Sickness Allowance	66
Special Benefit	37
Widow Allowance	1061
Youth Allowance	910
Total	24,600

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

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ii) Number of persons who have exited Carer Payment during 2013, who have neither gone onto other income support payments nor been regranted Carer Payment by 30 June 2014 by Carer Payment cancellation reason	Recipients
Assets over limit *auto	107
Bereavement period ended *auto	1900
Caree assets too high	22
Caree didn't meet ADAT score *auto	46
Caree in instit 7 paydays *auto	623
Caree respite bank exceeded	254
Carer working more than 25 hours	881
Child turned 16 *auto	41
Compo preclusion period *auto	40
Customer in prison	143
Death *auto	648
Earnings precl for 6 consec f/n	178
Excess income *auto	83
Fail to reply to correspondence	307
Failed to report *auto	578
Health prof score too low *auto	21
Medical review not returned	76
Not caring for caree	535
Not residing in Australia *auto	39
Other (not further classified)	305
Overseas 13 wk	45
Overseas 6 weeks	174
Partner earnings precl for 6 f/n	266
Precluded due to periodic comp *auto	30
Proof of identity not provided *auto	26
Withdrawn/voluntary surrender	1311
Aggregated reasons with <20 customers	172
Total	8851

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