Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 279

Topic: Parenting Payment Single

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Senator Brown asked:

"Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Parenting Payment Single 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 (>1 yr, 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;
- (1) reported income from other assets; and
- (m) other payments received."

Answer:

The data requested as at June 2014 for questions 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.

June 2014 data for questions j-m are provided in **Attachment A**.

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Attachment A

j) Recipients of Parenting Payment Single by Hours Worked Last Fortnight		
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients	
No hours	196,386	
1 - 14 hours	9,112	
15 - 29 hours	12,738	
30 hours +	42,396	
Total	260,632	

k) Recipients of Parenting Payment Single by Earnings Last Fortnight		
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients	
Nil earnings	195,783	
\$1 - \$61	724	
\$62 - \$235	5,594	
\$236 - \$249	669	
\$250 Plus	57,862	
Total	260,632	

l) Recipients of Parenting Payment Single by Earnings from other sources		
Earnings last fortnight from other sources	Recipients	
Nil earnings	99,068	
\$1 - \$61	150,692	
\$62 - \$235	5,287	
\$236 - \$249	236	
\$250 Plus	5,349	
Total	260,632	

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m) Recipients of Parenting Payment Single by Supplementary Payments (note:		
recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)		
Supplement	Recipients	
Carer Allowance	15,122	
Clean Energy Supplement	258,035	
CDEP Participation Supplement	53	
Double Orphan Pension	100	
Drought Force Supplement	<20	
Family Tax Benefit	256,976	
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	664	
Mobility Allowance	56	
Pension Supplement	257,715	
Pensioner Education Supplement	19,719	
Pharmaceutical Allowance	258,067	
Remote Area Allowance	7,434	
Rent Assistance	140,059	
RJCP Supplement	183	
Work for the Dole Supplement	226	
Telephone Allowance	67,897	
Income Support Bonus	243,830	
Education Entry Payment	26,404	

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