

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

**Question No:** 312

**Topic:** Special Benefit

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the number of people in receipt of special benefit in 2013/2014 by:

- (a) electorate
- (b) state/territory
- (c) age
- (d) reason for grant of special benefit

**Answer:**

The data requested as at June 2014 for questions a-c 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 as at June 2014 for question d are provided in **Attachment A**.

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**Attachment A**

<b>(d) Reasons for grant of Special Benefit – as at 20 June 2014</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Assurance of Support	58
Australian citizen child in custody of non-permanent resident	216
Caring for child	5
Newly arrived migrants in 2 year waiting period for Newstart Allowance / Sickness Allowance	159
Newly arrived migrants in waiting period for Partner Allowance / Widow Allowance / Parenting Payment Partnered / Newstart Mature Age Allowance / Carer Payment / Disability Wage Supplement	52
Newly arrived migrants in waiting period for Special Benefit	41
Not residentially qualified for Age Pension	3707
Not residentially qualified for Disability Support Pension	87
Other long term	48
Other short term	1
Socially marginalised	4
Spouse Provisional Visa (previously SEE)	20
Temporary Protection Visa holder from 1 January 2003	110
Temporary Protection Visa not of workforce age	5
Under 16 years	322
Provisional Partner Visa	531
<b>Total</b>	<b>5366</b>

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