

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 582

Topic: Pensioner Education Supplement

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Senator Cameron asked:

- a) Please provide a breakdown of the Pensioner Education Supplement by:
- 1) payment type;
 - 2) state and territory;
 - 3) age;
 - 4) gender;
 - 5) Indigenous/non-Indigenous;
 - 6) NSA (principle carer and partial capacity); and
 - 7) total number of recipients.
- b) Provide copies of any evaluations or research that the Government has undertaken into the effectiveness or otherwise of the Pensioner Education Supplement.

Answer:

- a) **Attachment A** contains details of the number of Pensioner Education Supplement recipients as at June 2014 according to the breakdown requested.
- b) The Department is not aware of any evaluations or research undertaken by the Government into the effectiveness or otherwise of the Pensioner Education Supplement.

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Attachment A

1) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by other payments received - June 2014	
Payment	Recipients
Carer Payment	3,887
Disability Support Pension	19,723
DVA Invalidity Support Pension	<20
Newstart Allowance	3,439
Parenting Payment Partnered	<20
Parenting Payment Single	19,734
DVA Partner on Pension -Invalidity	<20
Special Benefit	<20
Widow Allowance	67
Wifes Pension - Age	<20
Wifes Pension - Disability	<20
DVA War Widow's Pension	<20

2) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by State - June 2014	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	15,647
Victoria	11,269
Queensland	10,183
South Australia	4,445
Western Australia	3,046
Tasmania	1,571
Australian Capital Territory	537
Northern Territory	177
Unknown	10
Total	46,885

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3) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by Age - June 2014	
Age Group	Recipients
15-20	8,178
21-24	5,525
25-29	7,362
30-34	6,904
35-39	5,901
40-44	5,080
45-49	3,174
50-54	2,132
55-59	1,427
60-64	883
65+	319
Total	46,885

4) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by Gender - June 2014	
Gender	Recipients
Males	10,050
Females	36,835
Total	46,885

5) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by Indigenous Status - June 2014	
Indigenous Status	Recipients
Yes	3,144
No	43,741
Total	46,885

6) Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement - Newstart Principal Carers, Newstart Partial Capacity to Work - June 2014	
Category	Recipients
Newstart - Principal Carer	3,392
Newstart - Partial Capacity to Work	341

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7) Total Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement - June 2014	
Total	46,885

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