

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Advance Payments

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Question:

- For 2014-15, how many 'Advance Payments' were made, by payment type.
- Provide details of the cost of the advances paid, for each payment type.
- Where more than one advance is allowed, how many on each payment access this option?

Answer:

Payment type	Number of Advance Payments	Total amount paid	Number of customers who have accessed more than 1 advance in financial year *
Abstudy	3,260	\$1,578,199.71	n/a
Age Pension	271,045	\$232,758,790.38	85,416
Austudy	11,488	\$5,482,066.98	n/a
Carer Payment	145,170	\$152,623,494.40	59,196
Disability Support Pension	618,490	\$565,098,274.20	219,582
Family Tax Benefit	935,058	\$497,186,839.66	267,186
Mobility Allowance	5,338	\$6,795,233.90	n/a
Newstart Allowance	345,840	\$168,367,248.21	n/a
Parenting Payment (partnered)	32,698	\$15,905,783.68	n/a
Parenting Payment (single)	139,487	\$68,312,671.01	n/a
Widow Allowance	4,014	\$1,968,808.52	n/a
Widow B Pension	<20**	\$9,463.55	<20**
Wife (Age) Pension	2,047	\$1,636,177.96	624
Wife (DSP) Pension	3,043	\$2,401,968.44	1035
Youth Allowance	99,882	\$46,917,038.69	n/a

* n/a indicates the payment only allows for one Advance to be paid per year.

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