

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.9 Income Support for Carers

Question No: SQ15-000949

Topic: Grandparents carers

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Senator Dean Smith asked:

What is the current number of grandparent carers?

Answer:

Data from the Australia Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) 2011 Census of Population and Housing indicates that there were 35,926 households where there were grandparent-grandchild relationships in the absence of parent-child relationships. The ABS factsheet on grandparent families is attached, or can be found at:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/censushome.nsf/home/factsheetsgp?opendocument&navpos=450>.