

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

Outcome Number: 5.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme

Question No: SQ15-000956

Topic: Community Based Mental Health Services

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Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of people accessing community based mental health services

- a. By the name of the program
- b. By state
- c. By electorate

Answer:

Below are the participant numbers for Department of Social Services (DSS)-funded community-based mental health services for 2014–15. Data by electorate is not collected.

DSS-funded community-based mental health services – participants 2014-15

Service type	Participants
Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs)	20,337
Mental Health Respite: Carer Support (MHR:CS)	40,644
Family Mental Health Support Services (FMHSS)	75,188
Enhanced Social and Community Support (Drought Assistance)*	143,052
Carers and Work (CAW)	5,243
Total	284,464

* Includes attendances at community events (113,788 participants)

Personal Helpers and Mentors – participants by State/Territory 2014-15

State / Territory	Participants	Percentage
New South Wales	5,889	29%
Victoria	4,485	22%
Queensland	4,278	21%
Western Australia	2,074	10%
South Australia	2,152	11%
Tasmania	692	3%
Australian Capital Territory	360	2%
Northern Territory	407	2%
Total	20,337	100%

Mental Health Respite: Carer Support – participants by State/Territory 2014-15

State / Territory	Participants	Percentage
New South Wales	8,288	20%
Victoria	11,083	27%
Queensland	6,550	16%
Western Australia	4,747	12%
South Australia	4,080	10%
Tasmania	1562	4%
Australian Capital Territory	496	1%
Northern Territory	3838	9%
Total	40,644	100%

Family Mental Health Support Services – participants by State/Territory 2014-15

State / Territory	Participants	Percentage
New South Wales	14,999	20%
Victoria	10,352	14%
Queensland	19,005	25%
Western Australia	10,766	14%
South Australia	9,224	12%
Tasmania	2311	3%
Australian Capital Territory	2,978	4%
Northern Territory	5,553	7%
Total	75,188	100%

Enhanced Social and Community Support(Drought Relief) – participants by State/Territory 2014-15*

State / Territory	Participants	Percentage
New South Wales	120,944	85%
Queensland	22,108	15%
Total	143,052	100%

* Includes attendances at community events (113,788 participants)

Carers and Work – participants by State/Territory 2014-15

State / Territory	Participants	Percentage
New South Wales	445	8%
Victoria	290	6%
Queensland	4,508	86%
Total	5,243	100%