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Question

Parenting Payment moved onto Disability Support Pension

Senator CASH: I turn now to parenting payment, followed by youth allowance other. In relation to parenting payment, I again have statistical questions. How many recipients of parenting payment affected by the eligibility changes have since moved on to Newstart allowance? Mr Brown: On 1 January 2013, there were 63,254 people who were affected by the changes; 62,325 of them moved onto Newstart on that day. Senator CASH: And the balance of those people? Mr Brown: Because of the differences in eligibility, some people moved across to Austudy and some moved to other payments. Senator CASH: And my next question is: how many recipients of parenting payment affected by the eligibility changes have since moved on to the disability support pension? Ms Taylor: The answer to a question on notice last time showed figures as at 1 January—and we can update this for you, but I do not know if we can do it today—470 people moved to disability support pension, 26 to the age pension, 132 to Austudy, 1,224 to carers allowance, 20 moved to widows allowance and fewer than 20 moved to youth allowance. So there are 1,894 in total.

Answer

There were 470 grandfathered recipients of Parenting Payment who moved to Disability Support Pension between 2 October 2012 and 15 January 2013; this figure includes recipients who transitioned prior to losing eligibility to Parenting Payment on 1 January 2013¹.

There were less than 20 previously grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients (i.e. who were cancelled from Parenting Payment due to the age of the youngest child) who were transferred to Disability Support Pension between 16 January 2013 and 29 March 2013².

¹ Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data extracted on 18th January 2013. Due to historical reassessments data may vary if extracted at a later period.

² Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DEEWR extract). Grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients determined to be cancelled with reason 'Youngest PP Child 6 Years and Over' or 'Youngest PP Child 8 Years and Over' and date of effect 01/01/2013 to 29/03/2013 on the Centrelink payment system. Counts do not include cancellation determinations that were subsequently overturned.

NOTE: In order to protect individuals' privacy, populations <20 are reported as ""<20"" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided ""np"".