

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 92.

Question

Utilities Allowance - Number Of Recipients By Category

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that. How many people are currently getting the Utilities Allowance in each of those three categories of recipients? Ms Milliken: I have figures for Partner Allowance and Widow Allowance. For Partner Allowance, at the end of March it was 22,660, and for Widow Allowance it was 33,777. Senator FIFIELD: And if you could take on notice for the young DSP recipients.

Answer

Over the period July 2010 to March 2011, 30180 Disability Support Pension recipients under 21 years of age without children had received Utilities Allowance. (Source: Centrelink administrative data).