

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 94.

Question

Sickness Allowance - Numbers of Recipients

Senator FIFIELD: If we can just go to the Sickness Allowance, how many people received that in 10-11? Ms Milliken: As at the end of June 2010 there were 6703 recipients. It is a point in time figure, rather than a number of people who have received it during the year. Senator FIFIELD: Do you have it for the previous two financial years? Ms Milliken: We would need to take that on notice, Senator.

Answer

The relevant Annual Reports for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations show that there were 6968 recipients of Sickness Allowance as at June 2009 and 7437 recipients as at June 2008.