

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0545\_13

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

*"Refers to previous DEEWR Question No's EW0534\_11 and EW0708\_12".*

**Question**

***Income support payments***

Allowance Recipients Please update DEEWR Questions No.EW0534\_11 and EW0708\_12 by providing a breakdown of the latest available estimates for the number of recipients of the following income support payments: DSP, PPS, PPP, CP, NSA, AuStudy, YA(student), and YA (other) – both total numbers and disaggregated by: • State/territory • Age (in both groupings (<25, 25-49, 50+), and (<15, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)) • Sex • Indigenous status • whether recipients also receive Carer Allowance • For principal carers of children on activity tested payments, whether the youngest child is 6 years or over • principal carers (including separate data for sole parents) status • partial work capacity status • whether recipients have current earnings • duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5yrs +)

**Answer**

The requested data is included in the following tables for DEEWR payments only (Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment Partnered, Parenting Payment Single and Youth Allowance (other)).

- Unless noted, this data is sourced from Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 31 August 2012.
- In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Responsibility for the other income support payments detailed in this request rests with the following departments:

- The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has responsibility for Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment
- The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education have responsibility for Youth Allowance (Student) and Austudy.

**Table 1: Recipients by payment type and State**

State	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
ACT	4096	686	3195	672
New South Wales	173482	39593	101947	25129
Northern Territory	9468	2904	4038	1758
Queensland	115870	22317	72741	22723
South Australia	49878	8345	24818	7824
Tasmania	18400	3556	9268	3196
Victoria	133734	28001	70287	17827
Western Australia	43821	8287	31352	7145
Not coded	105	-	-	21

**Table 2: Recipients by age group (<25, 25-49, 50+)**

Age Group	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
Under 25	77541	17884	52071	86295
25-49 yrs	315882	92962	253566	-
50+ yrs	155431	2986	12056	-

**Table 3: Recipients by age group (<15, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)**

Age Group	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
Under 15	-	-	30	-
15-24 yrs	77541	17884	52041	86295
25-34 yrs	131031	50585	123655	-
35-44 yrs	124719	36679	106130	-
45-54 yrs	115721	7799	32867	-
55-64 yrs	99842	884	2965	-
65+ yrs	-	<20	<20	-
Total	548854	113832	317693	86295

**Table 4: Recipients by gender**

Gender	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
Female	227423	103859	302599	40547
Male	321431	9973	15094	45748
Total	548854	113832	317693	86295

**Table 5: Recipients by Indigenous indicator**

Indigenous indicator	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
No	499410	104683	283315	72604
Yes	49444	9149	34378	13691

**Table 6: Recipients by Carer Allowance indicator**

Carer Allowance	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
Not receiving Carer Allowance	541795	107793	294733	86113
Receiving Carer Allowance	7059	6039	22960	182

**Table 7: Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) principal carer recipients by age of youngest child and marital status**

Age of Youngest Child	Partnered	Single	Total
Unknown	179	510	689
Under 6	109	138	247
6 years+	13600	30677	44277

**Table 8: Activity tested Parenting Payment recipients by age of youngest child**

Age of Youngest Child	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single
Unknown	-	<20
Under 6	<20	61
6 years+	9228	103318

**Table 9: Activity tested recipients with a partial capacity to work**

Newstart Allowance	102934
Parenting Payment Partnered	1217
Parenting Payment Single	7527
Youth Allowance (other)	5409

**Table 10: Recipients with earnings reported in the last fortnight of the reported period**

Earnings	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
No earnings	449461	101109	212680	71584
Had earnings	99393	12723	105013	14711

**Table 11: Recipients by duration on income support**

Duration on income support	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)
<1 year	207326	23608	34293	35463
1 - <2 years	87690	16347	32196	18228
2 - <5 years	139460	32323	81414	31659
5 years +	114378	41554	169790	945