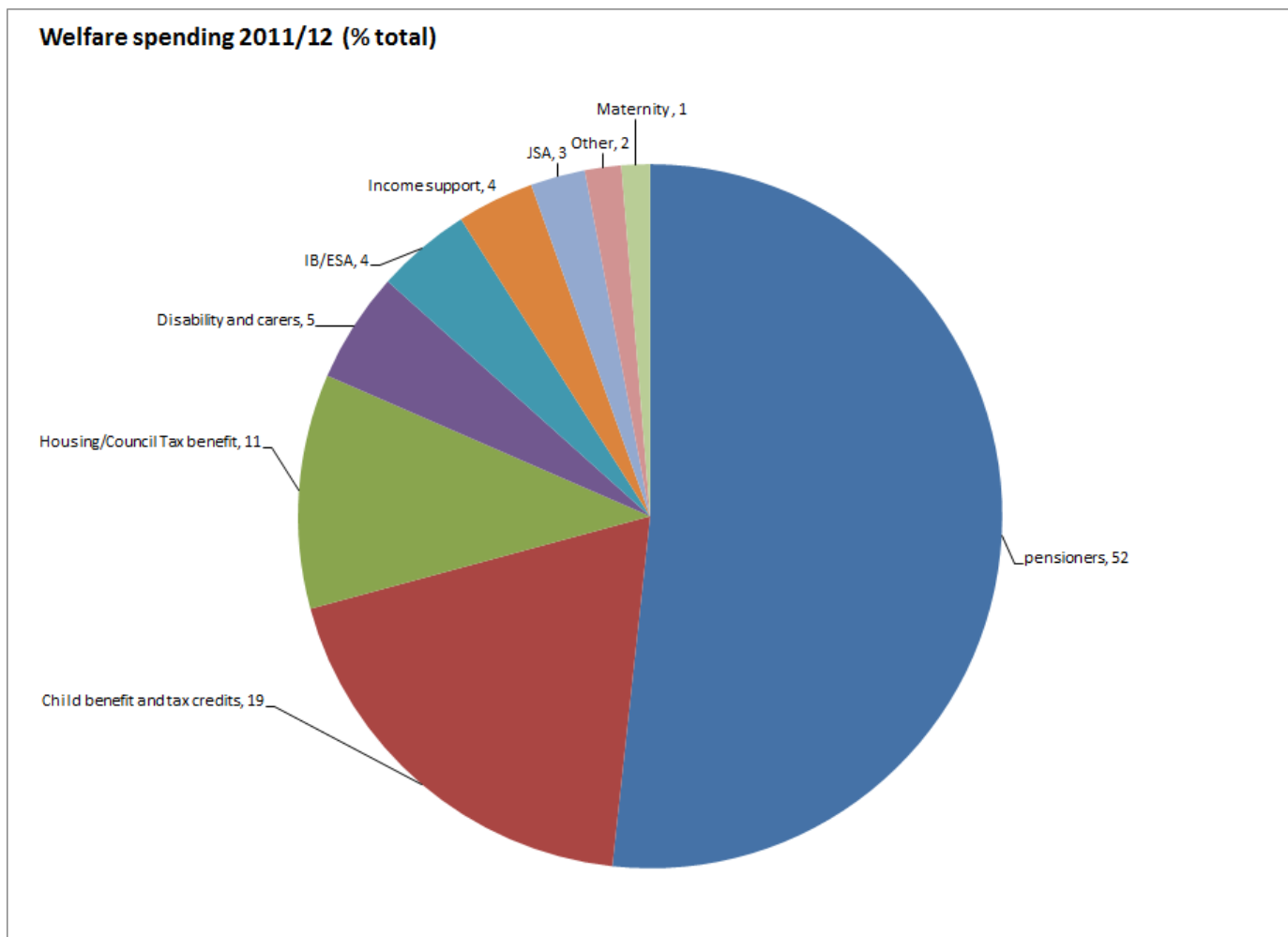


Welfare expenditure 2011/12 and 2012/13		
	2011/12	2012/13
<i>per cent of total welfare expenditure</i>	Estimate	Forecast
Pensions and pensioners' benefits	51.7	52.9
Disability and carers	5.1	5.3
IB/ESA	4.4	4.6
Income support	3.5	2.5
Maternity	1.3	1.3
JSA	2.5	2.7
Housing/Council Tax benefit	10.8	10.5
Child benefit and tax credits	19.1	18.4
Other	1.7	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0
Sources		
DWP Benefit Expenditure Tables 2012		
House of Commons briefing SN/SG/2656		
Expenditure on DLA and HB/CTB for pensioners is allocated to 'Pensions and pensioners' benefits'		



The table and chart show how 'welfare' spending breaks down between different types of benefit and client group. These figures include Child Benefit and Child and Working Tax Credits, which are paid by HMRC rather than DWP and are not always included in figures on 'welfare'. Pensioners' benefits include Disability Living Allowance, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit received by those over state pension/pension credit qualifying age. Taken together with other pensioners' benefits, these account for more than half of all 'welfare' expenditure. The HMRC benefits account for a further 19%: although these figures include Working Tax Credits, the great bulk of this expenditure is directed at children through Child Benefit and Child Tax Credits. UK welfare expenditure is thus dominated by benefits for pensioners and children. The main out-of-work benefits (JSA, IB/ESA, IS) account for 11% of expenditure.

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