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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

For those under 35 who have moved from DSP to Newstart, what is their employment participation and their employment servicing?

Answer:

A total of 3,940 people who were found not to be eligible for DSP following an under 35 DSP review were found to be eligible for Newstart Allowance (NSA) and Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)).

As at 30 December 2016, 2,877 people were still on NSA and YA(o).

Employment Participation

As at 30 December 2016, of those recipients still on NSA and YA(o), 520 reported earnings from participating in employment in the last fortnight.

Employment Servicing

At 30 December 2016, of those recipients still on NSA and YA(o), 2,100 were reported as being Provider Managed, where a recipient has been referred to an Employment Service Provider, which connects job seekers with employers.

The remaining 777 recipients are managed by the Department of Human Services. This could be a result of the recipient being assessed as having a partial capacity to work of less than 14 hours, is fully meeting requirements (e.g. through paid work) or has an activity exemption.