

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ17-000117

Topic: Four week waiting for Youth income support

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

How many people under 25 will have to wait to access income support by Priority Employment Area?

Answer:

It has been estimated that 71,000 people under 25 will serve a four week waiting period per year, 9,000 of whom will serve an additional four week waiting period in the same year. It is not possible to disaggregate this estimate by Priority Employment Area.

By way of further information, according to the Department of Employment, the Priority Employment Area Initiative ended on 30 June 2014. See link:

<https://www.employment.gov.au/priority-employment-area-initiative>