Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments Question No: SQ15-000614

Topic: 4 week waiting period

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Over a 12 month period, how many people on Newstart and Youth Allowance aged under 25 were released from prison or were pregnant?

Answer:

In the 2013-14 financial year, 6,727 recipients of Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) aged under 25 identified as having been released from prison or psychiatric confinement when commencing on payment. There is no requirement for recipients to declare a pregnancy, therefore this information is unavailable.