

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000184

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ15-000466

Question

Update to EMSQ15-000466 - Youth allowance exemptions

Please provide updates to the following QoNs from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015-16 using the latest available data/period: EMSQ15-000466.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown, by exemption category, of Youth Allowance (Other) recipients with an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at end December 2015. There were 108,643 Youth Allowance (Other) recipients with mutual obligation requirements as at end December 2015.

Exemption Category	Total - Youth Allowance (Other)
Temporary incapacity	
Temporary incapacity due to illness, injury or disability	3,998
Incapacity due to serious illness requiring long recovery periods, e.g. cancer, severe stroke, brain injuries, physical injuries.	127
Caring responsibility	
Caring Responsibilities temporarily caring for an adult or child/ren	98
Principal carer parent – special Family Circumstances e.g. providing kinship or family care, care for aged or disabled adult family member or has a 6 year old child yet to start school	<20
Emergency and respite foster carer	<20
Personal circumstances	
Major personal crisis, e.g. homelessness, witness protection, domestic violence for non-Principal Carer Parents, Indigenous job seeker undertaking cultural or sorry business	652
Expectant mother within 6 weeks of expected due date of giving birth and 6 weeks after giving birth	560
Claiming Disability Support Pension*	376
Other special circumstances – case by case assessment of circumstances beyond the job seekers control	164
Refugee first 13 weeks in Australia	161
Principal Carer Parent - domestic violence	21
Major personal disruption at home, e.g. fire, burglary, storm, accident	21

Exemption Category	Total - Youth Allowance (Other)
Bereavement period	<20
Approved overseas absence	<20
Community Service Order	<20
Refugee first 6 months in Australia undertaking preparatory Adult Migrant English Program	<20
Total with exemptions	6,216

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.

**Claiming Disability Support Pension is an interim status during assessment of the claim whereby claimants do not have mutual obligation requirements.*

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of Youth Allowance (Other) recipients who had an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at end December 2015.

Geographic Area*	Number of Job Seekers with exemption - Youth Allowance (Other)
Major Cities of Australia	3,625
Regional Australia	2,403
Remote Australia	163
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	25
Total	6,216

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.

*Geographic Area distribution is based on recipient postcode.