

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods

How many Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods were applied in 2010-11? Of the Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods imposed, what is the average preclusion period? Provide details of the types of payment affected in the numbers of each payment type affected.

Answer

The following table provides the number of Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods that were applied in 2010-11, by payment type and the average preclusion period. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods Applied in Financial Year 2010-11

Payment Type	Number of Preclusion Periods	Average Preclusion Period (Weeks)
Newstart Allowance	260	7.4
Youth Allowance (other)	<20	1.0
Austudy	<20	4.4
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	3.0

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data.

Following the Machinery of Government change in December 2011, Youth Allowance (student) is administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.