

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Question

Senator SIEWERT: I want to follow up a question I asked last time, being question 0773, which is the result of discussion that,

Ms Parker, you and I were having around the percentage of people with a disability who were accessing JSA. It seems to me that under Newstart almost a third of the people that were accessing JSAs were those with some indicator of disability. What I would like to do if possible is ask—if you have them now, yes, but if not take this on notice—whether you have got figures later than that on the breakdown as to those with a disability and those who are not.

Ms Parker: To update the previous ones?

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, to update it. Obviously, I am interested in that because of the change in the eligibility criteria.

Ms Parker: Yes, we will take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: I would like the Newstart one now if you have it; if you do not I will ask for it on notice.

Ms Parker: Not an update since then, since 31 August.

Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Basically I want that same breakdown updated for the same period as we have talked about earlier.

Ms Parker: Certainly.

Answer

JSA Caseload by Allowance Type as at 30 November 2011

Allowance Description	Disability	No Disability	Total
Newstart Allowance	135,519	338,776	474,295
Youth Allowance	11,809	66,142	77,951
Parenting Payment Single	11,795	60,524	72,319
Parenting Payment Partnered	1,583	8,636	10,219
Disability Support Pension	5,202	0	5,202
Non Allowee	4,992	56,011	61,003
Other	1,180	4,721	5,901
Total	172,080	534,810	706,890