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Question

Newstart

Senator FIFIELD: But you do not have what the average time is that someone is on Newstart? Ms Milliken: I do not have that with me; I can take that on notice if you would like me to. Senator FIFIELD: Okay, thank you. Are you able to say how many newly arrived migrants received Newstart in 2011-12? Ms Milliken: I do not have that information with me. I can take that on notice.

Answer

As at 31 August 2012, the average duration of a recipient on Newstart Allowance was 104.2 weeks. This duration refers to the duration on Newstart Allowance since the most recent date of commencement and does not take into account allowable breaks in payment or previous periods on other income support payments.

In 2011-12, a total of 20 484 migrants qualified for Newstart Allowance after serving the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period (NARWP) of 104 weeks.