

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Fifield asked on 17 October 2012, Hansard page 83

Question

Number of people on a working age income support payment who leave the country

Senator FIFIELD: At a point in time. You can take this on notice. Are you able to say how many people on working age payments leave the country each year in total rather than point in time? Ms Milliken: Yes, we can take that on notice. Senator FIFIELD: If you could. Could you provide that by payment type as well? Ms Parker: Yes.

Answer

The following table includes the number of working age income support payment recipients that departed Australia during 2011-12 that were:

- current on payment on their date of departure; or
- suspended on the date of departure even though that suspension happened prior to their date of departure, or were cancelled on the actual day of departure.

Payment	Current as at departure date	Suspended or Cancelled as at departure date	Total
Newstart Allowance	2206	77458	79664
Parenting Payment Partnered	18384	310	18694
Parenting Payment Single	40648	266	40914
Partner Allowance	3008	4	3012
Sickness Allowance	48	938	986
Widow Allowance	8867	22	8889
Youth Allowance (other)	109	5755	5864
Total	73270	84753	158023

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data – as at 12/10/2012.