

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Services Australia

Topic: Jobseeker - New Zealand Applicants (Follow up to IQ20-000077)

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Question:

How many New Zealanders have applied for JobSeeker but not been approved since the beginning of 2020? How many have been approved for short-term support on the basis that they are long-term residents of Australia?

Answer:

JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance on 20 March 2020.

Since 1 January 2020, 9,830 New Zealand citizens have claimed Newstart Allowance or JobSeeker Payment and not been approved due to their residency status.

Since 1 January 2020, 8,121 New Zealand citizens have claimed Newstart Allowance or JobSeeker Payment and have been approved for short-term support on the basis that they are long-term residents of Australia.

Since 1 January 2020, 19,705 New Zealand citizens who are Protected Status Visa holders have claimed Jobseeker and been granted payment.