

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

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Question:

How many employees without entitlement to paid sick leave have accessed the JobSeeker scheme for that purpose since 23 March 2020?

Answer:

It is not possible to provide data about a person's sick leave as this is not collected as part of a person's claim for JobSeeker Payment.

The Government put arrangements in place so that people who can't work or study because of coronavirus do not need to provide a medical certificate as part of their claim. This means the extent to which this provision is being used is not fully known.