

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### Question:

- a) How many Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods were applied in 2012-13?
- b) Of the Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods imposed, what is the average preclusion period? Provide details of the types of payment affected in the numbers of each payment type affected.

#### Answer:

- a) In 2012-13 there were 264 Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods applied.
- b) The average preclusion period for this period was 51 days. Payments affected and the number of preclusion periods for each of those payment types appear in the table below.

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Number SWPP</b>	<b>Average Length (Days)</b>
<b>Austudy</b>	<20	75
<b>Carer Payment</b>	<20	57
<b>Disability Support Pension</b>	<20	64
<b>Newstart Allowance</b>	214	50
<b>Parenting Payment Partnered</b>	<20	35
<b>Parenting Payment Single</b>	<20	64
<b>Sickness Allowance</b>	<20	13
<b>Youth Allowance</b>	<20	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>51</b>

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