

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 626

Topic: Newstart Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

For those people who transferred onto Newstart from Parenting Payment Single, please indicate:

- a. number of people now reporting employment; and
- b. number of people who have now transferred onto other payments, and which payments.

Answer:

At 27 December 2013, 70,196 Parenting Payment Single (PPS) recipients had been impacted by the 1 January 2013 changes to eligibility for Parenting Payment. Immediately following their PPS cancellation, 68,271 recipients were transitioned onto Newstart Allowance. Of these recipients:

- 51,272 remain on Newstart Allowance, 22,358 of which currently report earnings from employment.
- 12,805 are no longer in receipt of Income Support, most likely due to receipt of employment income that would result in them being ineligible for Newstart.
- 4,194 are now in receipt of an Income Support payment other than Newstart Allowance, broken down by payment type in the following table:
- In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Age Pension	36
Austudy	639
Bereavement Allowance	<20
Carer Payment	1,409
Disability Support Pension	989
Parenting Payment Partnered	95
Parenting Payment Single	972
Sickness Allowance	31
Widow Allowance	20
Youth Allowance	<20

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data