

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ16-000009**

**Topic: Income support**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

1. In respect of the 2015 calendar year, please advise the average number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients respectively who were:
  - a. Receiving income support continuously for less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; 12 months to 2 years; 2 years to 5 years, and over 5 years
  - b. In respect of each of these groups, what was the average probability that they were off income support one year later?

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients according to the breakdown requested.

**Note:** As data for one year after the 2015 calendar year is not yet available, September 2014 data has been provided.

## Attachment A

<b>Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) recipients by duration on income support as at September 2014 with the percentage not on income support as at September 2015</b>				
<b>Duration on income support as at September 2014</b>	<b>Newstart Allowance</b>		<b>Youth Allowance (other)</b>	
	<b>Duration on income support as at September 2014</b>	<b>Percentage not on income support as at September 2015</b>	<b>Duration on income support as at September 2014</b>	<b>Percentage not on income support as at September 2015</b>
< 3 months	57,661	47.6	10,071	43.7
3 to < 6 months	55,226	42.5	10,677	41
6 to < 12 months	91,685	36.5	22,747	37
12 months to < 2 years	119,696	29.2	21,900	32.9
2 Years to < 5 years	163,392	21.5	34,110	29.3
5+ years	207,853	14.4	5,020	26.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,513</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>104,525</b>	<b>34.2</b>

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS extract).