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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Exemptions

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

For the whole of group on an activity-tested payment like youth allowance or Newstart; what proportion have a temporary exemption from the activity test due to an incapacity? and within that, what proportion have that exemption for up to 52 weeks, versus those who have a short-term exemption that has to be continued if they continue to have that issue?

Answer:

As at the end of December 2016, there were 111,113 people with an activity test exemption, of whom 79,041 (or 71.1 per cent) had a Temporary Medical Incapacity Exemption. These 79,041 included 1,986 people with a Serious Illness Exemption (2.5 per cent of the Temporary Medical Incapacity exemptions).