

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Income support payments - Benefits available to parents within the Under 30s Measure.

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

a) Senator SIEWERT: Do you have numbers in your database on the number of people under 30 who live at home?

Ms Rule: Not here. We could take that on notice and see whether we can extract that from our system.

b) Senator SIEWERT: Do you have the number of people under 30 who have children?

Ms Rule: We would have that on our system, yes.

Senator SIEWERT: I presume you do not have it here?

Ms Rule: We do not have it here. Do you mean the number of people on Newstart and youth allowance?

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, those on Newstart and youth allowance and, if possible, the numbers of children. Do you have that level of detail?

Ms Rule: We should have that level of detail and we can take that on notice.

Answer:

a) The Department of Human Services does not collect data on the number of people under 30 who live at home.

b) As at 28 March 2014 there were approximately 18,000 parents in receipt of Newstart and Youth Allowance aged under 30. They are the parents of approximately 29,000 dependent children.

Parents in receipt of Family Tax Benefit with 35 per cent or more care of a child, and principal carer parents are exempt from the *Stronger Participation Incentives for Job Seekers under 30* measure.