# Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **Social Services Portfolio**

# 2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 335

**Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30** 

Hansard Page: Written

## Senator Brown asked:

Will care leavers who do not fall into any of the five specified exemption categories be subject to the 6 month Newstart waiting period?

#### **Answer:**

Exemptions from the new waiting period will be available for people who have a partial capacity to work less than 30 hours a week, parents receiving Family Tax Benefit for a child, part time apprentices, principal carer parents, a job seeker with significant barriers to employment under the current employment services arrangements (or the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme equivalent) and Disability Employment participants.

Any further exemptions would be a decision for government and be dealt with through a disallowable instrument.