

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

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000604

Topic: 4 week waiting period

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

The most recent figures on the numbers of people under 25 who will be subject to the 4 week waiting period:

- on i) Newstart Allowance and ii) Youth Allowance
- by age
- by gender
- by Indigenous status
- by marital status
- by state and territory and Indigenous status, and
- who receive Rent Assistance.

Answer:

- i) It is not expected that Newstart Allowance claimants will be subject to this measure. Subject to the passage of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and others measures) Bill 2015, from 1 July 2016 the minimum age of eligibility for Newstart Allowance will be 25 years.
- ii) Approximately 75,000 Youth Allowance (other) claimants will be subject to the four week waiting period per year.

It is not possible to disaggregate this estimate by other characteristics including age, gender, indigenous status, marital status, state and territory, and those who receive Rent Assistance.