

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: SQ15-000610

Topic: 4 week waiting period

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

What was the average Liquid Asset Waiting Period applied in the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer:

The average Liquid Asset Waiting Period applied in the 2013-14 financial year was 54 days. The table below provides a breakdown by payment type.

Average Liquid Assets Waiting Period (days) in 2013/2014 by Payment Type	
Payment Type	Average Liquid Asset Waiting Period (days)
Austudy	67
Newstart Allowance	52
Sickness Allowance	57
Youth Allowance (apprentice)	44
Youth Allowance (other)	58
Youth Allowance (student)	57
Total	54

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)