

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: SQ15-000613

Topic: 4 week waiting period

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

How many on i) Newstart and ii) Youth Allowance will qualify for each type of exemption from the 4 week waiting period (eg. mental illness, recent prison release, recent state care, etc).

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 83,000 claims for Youth Allowance (other) will be exempt from the four week waiting period per year. It is not possible to disaggregate this estimate by exemption type.