

**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: SQ15-000616**

**Topic: 4 week waiting period**

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**Senator Siewert, Rachel** asked:

If a job seeker subject to a 4 week waiting period cannot undertake job search during the period, cannot attend appointments at Jobactive, cannot call to advise that they will miss a scheduled appointment, what will the consequences? Please explain any compliance implications for the job seeker.

**Answer:**

If a job seeker cannot undertake job search and has an activity test exemption of longer than two weeks, they would be exempt from the four week waiting period.