

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: SQ15-000619

Topic: Principal Carers with earnings

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Provide the number of single parents on Newstart (Principal Carers) with earnings and with no earnings (number and percentages) as at July for each year since 2006.

Answer:

The table below provides a time series of single Newstart principal carer recipients according to the breakdown requested. July 2015 data is not yet available.

Single Newstart Principal Carers by Earnings – Time Series					
	With Earnings (number)	With Earnings (per cent)	Without Earnings (number)	Without earnings (per cent)	Total
Jul-06	92	22%	329	78%	421
Jul-07	2,938	33%	5,943	67%	8,881
Jul-08	5,235	34%	10,008	66%	15,243
Jul-09	7,148	33%	14,487	67%	21,635
Jul-10	8,536	33%	17,582	67%	26,118
Jul-11	9,572	34%	18,523	66%	28,095
Jul-12	10,747	34%	20,555	66%	31,302
Jul-13	40,322	46%	46,459	54%	86,781
Jul-14	41,802	46%	49,286	54%	91,088

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