

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000732

Topic: Newstart

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Senator Smith, Dean asked:

How many of those people that do come onto Newstart actually leave within the four-week period? Also if you could demonstrate a trend, perhaps over the last five years.

Answer:

The table below provides a time series of people aged under 25 that come onto Newstart Allowance and leave within a four week period.

| Financial Year | Newstart Allowance aged under 25 commencements | Newstart Allowance aged under 25 cancelled (left payment) within 4 weeks | Newstart Allowance aged under 25 cancelled (left payment) within 4 weeks (per cent) |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| 2009/10 | 97,450 | 12,613 | 12.90% |
| 2010/11 | 91,430 | 13,387 | 14.60% |
| 2011/12 | 94,107 | 12,277 | 13.00% |
| 2012/13 | 70,429 | 7,825 | 11.10% |
| 2013/14 | 67,061 | 6,241 | 9.30% |

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