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Senator Siewert asked:

In regard to Budget Estimates QoNs 99 and 378, please provide the number of young people under-30 that have been exempted from the activity test and exempted from the activity test because they are pregnant.

Answer:

As at June 2014 there were 273,391 people aged under 30 in receipt of Newstart Allowance, Special Benefit and Youth Allowance (other) and 16,347 of these recipients were exempt from the activity test (6% of the under 30 recipient population).

Of those exempt from the activity test 1,604 (0.6% of the under 30 recipient population) were exempt because they were pregnant.

Source: DHS administrative data.