

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 181

**Topic:** Newstart Budget measure - 6 month wait

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

If a person is currently serving the six-month period without income support and they receive employment for a short period - fruit picking for a few weeks or working at a festival - when they lose that job will the six-month period begin again?

**Answer:**

Under the *Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No 4.) Bill 2014* a person taking up short term work of six fortnights or less will continue to serve their waiting period through that period of short-term work. Because of this, they will not be required to commence the six month waiting period again.