

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

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 183

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

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

I am particularly concerned about the impact of this measure on care leavers. Does the Department accept that the period immediately following a young person leaving care is a very vulnerable time for that young person?

**Answer:**

The Senate has resolved that officers of a department of the Commonwealth shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy.