

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

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Question No: 190

Topic: Newstart/New Zealand

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

I refer to the following exchange (Hansard page 69 refers):

Senator Moore: Can the pre-benefit activities be completed in under 20 days?

Mr Emerson: Yes.

Senator Moore: So you can actually get your money at an earlier time?

Mr Emerson: Yes.

Theoretically, what is the least amount of time that could be taken to complete pre-benefit activities?

Answer:

It is possible the pre-benefit activities required of jobseekers in New Zealand could be completed in under three days, depending on the length of time taken to complete set pre-benefit activities.