

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

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Question No: 414

Topic: Newstart Budget measure - 6 month wait

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Senator Moore asked:

What proportion of new Newstart recipients under 30 find a job within 6 months?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services monitors exits from payment as a proxy for recipients having found jobs, as recipients who find work are often cancelled from payment because they cease reporting their circumstances. Of the Newstart recipients granted payment between 1 July 2013 and 31 December 2013 and aged under 30 years, 50.0 per cent had exited payment within 6 months.