

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

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 415

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

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

What proportion of people who find a job within 6 months of going on Newstart are younger than 30 years of age?

**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 exiting payment within six months, 36.7 per cent were under 30 years of age.