

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

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Question No: 548

Topic: Duration on payments

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide an update to Question No. 362, Answers to Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings, re: duration on payments for NSA recipients.

Answer:

Updated data (June 2014) for Newstart recipients are available on data.gov.au at the following link: <<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

September data will be available in late 2014.

The Department continues to extract data from the administrative data sources of the Department of Human Services. The Department collects the information for the administration of payments and services.

The estimated cost of Newstart Allowance over the forward estimates is available on page 82 of the Department's Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15 at the following link: <<https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/budget-and-additional-estimates-statements/2014-15-budget/portfolio-budget-statements-2014-15-social-services-115a>>.