Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 586

Topic: Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods

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Senator Siewert asked:

a. How many Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods were applied in 2013-14?

- b. Of the Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods imposed, what is the average preclusion period?
- c. Provide details of the types of payment affected in the numbers of each payment type affected.

Answer:

- a. 475 Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods were applied in 2013-14.
- b. 23.2 weeks was the average duration for income support recipients with Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods applied in 2013-14.
- c. The following table provides the number of income support recipients by payment type with a Seasonal Work Preclusion Period applied in 2013-14.

Payment Types affected by Seasonal	Total Preclusion
Work Preclusion Periods	Periods
Austudy	<20
Carer Payment	<20
Disability Support Pension	0
Newstart Allowance	243
Parenting Payment Partnered	195
Parenting Payment Single	<20
Partner Allowance	0
Sickness Allowance	0
Special Benefit	0
Widow Allowance	0
Youth Allowance (full-time student, Australian	<20
apprentice and other)	
Total	475