

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Newstart

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Senator Lines asked:

The Government has claimed that it will save \$1.2 billion as a result of the changes to Newstart which will see people wait 6 months before receiving income support and then will receive it only on for 6 months of every year a person remains unemployed, until they reach the age of 30. What research/analysis was used by the Department in arriving at this savings figure?

Answer:

The figure above was calculated from the income support savings achieved by the measure less the cost to administer the Work for the Dole programme and other service delivery costs for the affected cohort.