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Topic: Working Age Payments

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

In respect of the 2014 calendar year, please advise the average number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients respectively who were:

- Receiving income support continuously for less than 3 months; 3-6 months; 6-12 months; 12 months to 2 years; 2 years to 5 years; and over 5 years.

- In respect of each of these groups, what was the average probability that they were off income support one year later?

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients according to the breakdown requested.

Note: As data for one year after the 2014 calendar year is not yet available, June 2014 data has been provided.

Attachment A

| Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) recipients by duration on income support as at June 2014 with the percentage not on income support as at June 2015 | | | | |
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| | Newstart Allowance | | Youth Allowance (other) | |
| | Duration on income support as at June 2014 | Percentage not on income support as at June 2015 | Duration on income support as at June 2014 | Percentage not on income support as at June 2015 |
| < 3 months | 65,752 | 46.9 | 12,690 | 42.6 |
| 3 to < 6 months | 66,413 | 41.2 | 18,007 | 38.5 |
| 6 to < 12 months | 89,809 | 33.4 | 18,262 | 31.8 |
| 12 months to < 2 years | 118,856 | 26.8 | 22,591 | 28.3 |
| 2 years to < 5 years | 160,278 | 18.7 | 37,435 | 25.2 |
| 5+ years | 204,706 | 12.0 | 5,013 | 23.9 |
| Total | 705,814 | 24.7 | 113,998 | 30.9 |

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.