

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000873

Topic: Duration on payments

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

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

Answer:

Updated data (June 2015) for Newstart recipients are available on data.gov.au at the following link: <https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>

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

The estimated cost of Newstart Allowance over the forward estimates is available on page 76 of the Department's Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 at the following link: <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/budget-and-additional-estimates-statements/portfolio-budget-statements-2015-16-social-services-115a>