Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Question No: SQ15-000987

Outcome Number: 1.12 Programme Support for Outcome 1

Topic: Seasonal Work Preclusion periods

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

- a) How many Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods were applied in 2014-15?
- 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:

Attachment A provides the number of Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods in 2014-15 according to the breakdown requested.

Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods applied in 2014-15		
Payment Type	Total Preclusion Periods	Average Preclusion Period (Weeks)
Austudy	<20	5
Carer Payment	<20	25
Disability Support Pension	<20	40
Newstart Allowance	573	8
Parenting Payment Partnered	1,120	48
Parenting Payment Single	31	42
Youth Allowance (other)	<20	17
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	1
Total	1,761	34

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)

Seasonal Work Preclusion Periods applied in 2014-15