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Topic: Income Support Payments

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Do you have an understanding of the number of young people that are living away from home [linked to proposal to delay young people going onto income support for 4 weeks]? If they are not getting income support are they getting rent assistance? Please provide the number of young people that may be living away from home.

Answer:

An estimated 75,000 claimants under 25 will be subject to the four week waiting period per year. It is not possible to disaggregate this estimate by claimants' circumstances, including whether they are living away from home.

If a young person is serving a waiting period, their payment is not payable during that period. This includes any supplementary payments that would be paid as part of the fortnightly main payment, including Rent Assistance.