

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

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Topic: Newstart

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

In regard to the table that you circulated on Newstart, which is helpful in terms of the earnings and other income by age, are there figures available on what the average other income is?

Answer:

The table below lists average income gained per fortnight by Newstart Allowance recipients, by age, who receive income other than from earnings, as at 24 June 2016.

| Newstart Allowance | Total | Other Income | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Yes | |
| Age | Count | Count | Ave. pf |
| 22 - 24 | 67,088 | 28,534 | 6.29 |
| 25 - 34 | 158,370 | 70,619 | 14.91 |
| 35 - 44 | 172,267 | 89,737 | 33.06 |
| 45 - 54 | 174,059 | 109,152 | 42.13 |
| 55 - 64 | 160,316 | 127,588 | 40.66 |
| Total | 732,100 | 425,630 | 32.86 |