### Senate Community Affairs Committee

## ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

# SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

### **2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments** 

Question No: SQ16-000466

## **Topic: Newstart Recipients Receiving Income**

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### Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

The average income earned by Newstart recipients in the latest fortnight available for each of the following categories:

- a) Rent
- b) Dividends
- c) Interest

#### Answer:

The average amount of income from sources other than earnings recorded for Newstart Allowance recipients in the last fortnight in June 2016 was \$32.86. It is not possible to disaggregate these figures by rent, dividend or interest.

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