

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM1650_15

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Refers to previous Department of Employment Question No EW0150_14 which requested a breakdown by exemption category and geographic location of Youth Allowance (other) recipients.

Question

Activity Test Exemptions - Youth Allowance (Other) recipients by category and location

Please update Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Questions on Notice, Budget Estimates, 2013-2014, DEEWR Question No. EW0150_14.

Answer

The following table provides a breakdown by exemption category of Youth Allowance (Other) recipients with an exemption from mutual obligation requirements, as at 29 August 2014. There were 104,770 activity tested Youth Allowance (Other) recipients as at 29 August 2014.

Exemption Category	Total - Youth Allowance (Other)
Temporary incapacity	
Temporary incapacity due to illness, injury or disability	3302
Incapacity due to serious illness requiring long recovery periods, e.g. cancer, severe stroke, brain injuries, physical injuries.	136
Caring responsibilities	
Caring Responsibilities temporarily caring for an adult or child/ren	105
Principal Carer Parent – Special Family Circumstances eg providing kinship or family care, care for aged or disabled adult family member or has a 6 year old child not yet started school	<20
Principal Carer Parent providing home schooling, includes main supporter of one or more secondary school children	<20
Principal Carer Parent registered and active foster carer and non-Principal Carer Parent emergency and respite foster carer	<20
Personal circumstances	
Expectant mother within 6 weeks of expected due date of giving birth and 6 weeks after giving birth	710

Exemption Category	Total - Youth Allowance (Other)
Major personal crisis, e.g. homelessness, witness protection, domestic violence for non-Principal Carer Parents, indigenous job seeker undertaking cultural or sorry business	552
Refugee first 13 weeks in Australia	237
Other special circumstances – case by case assessment of circumstances beyond the job seekers control	166
Claiming Disability Support Pension*	125
Major personal disruption at home, e.g. fire, burglary, storm, accident	28
Bereavement period	<20
Principal Carer Parent - domestic violence	<20
Community Service Order	<20
Principal Carer Parent - relationship breakdown	<20
Refugee first 6 months in Australia undertaking preparatory Adult Migrant English Programme	<20
Approved overseas absence	<20
Jury Duty	<20
Total with exemptions	5414

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at 29 August 2014

*Claiming Disability Support Pension is an interim status whereby recipients do not have an Activity Test or Participation Requirement.

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of Youth Allowance (Other) recipients that have an exemption from the activity test or participation requirements as at 29 August 2014:

Geographic Area*	Number of Job Seekers with exemption - Youth Allowance (Other)
Major Cities of Australia	3324
Regional Australia	1966
Remote Australia	119
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	<20
Total	5414

Source: DHS Administrative Data as at 29 August 2014

* Geographic Area distribution is based on the recipient geocoded address using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area 2011.