

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000462**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EW0227\_13 (*Department reference SQ12-000449*)

**Question**

**Activity Test Exemptions – What is the average duration of exemptions from the activity test/participation requirements.**

Update EW0227\_13 (SQ12-000449)

**Answer**

The following table shows the median average duration of both long and short term exemptions for the period 2014–2015.

	<b>Median average duration (weeks)</b>
<b>Short term exemptions</b>	13 weeks
<b>Longer term exemptions</b>	52 weeks

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Blue Book dataset).