

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000466

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EW0150\_14 (*Department reference SQ13-000526*)

#### Question

#### Youth allowance recipients exempt from job-seeking participation requirements

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 25 September 2015. There were 96,395 Youth Allowance (Other) recipients with mutual obligation requirements as at 25 September 2015.

Exemption Category	Total - Youth Allowance (Other)
<b>Temporary incapacity</b>	
Temporary incapacity due to illness, injury or disability	3,641
Incapacity due to serious illness requiring long recovery periods, e.g. cancer, severe stroke, brain injuries, physical injuries.	130
<b>Caring responsibility</b>	
Caring Responsibilities temporarily caring for an adult or child/ren	103
Principal carer parent providing/facilitating distance education, includes main supporter of one or more secondary school children	<20
Principal carer parent – special Family Circumstances e.g. providing kinship or family care, care for aged or disabled adult family member or has a 6 year old child yet to start school	<20
Emergency and respite foster carer	<20
<b>Personal circumstances</b>	
Expectant mother within 6 weeks of expected due date of giving birth and 6 weeks after giving birth	595
Major personal crisis, e.g. homelessness, witness protection, domestic violence for non-Principal Carer Parents, Indigenous job seeker undertaking cultural or sorry business	552
Claiming Disability Support Pension*	279
Refugee first 13 weeks in Australia	193

<b>Exemption Category</b>	<b>Total - Youth Allowance (Other)</b>
Other special circumstances – case by case assessment of circumstances beyond the job seekers control	140
Major personal disruption at home, e.g. fire, burglary, storm, accident	32
Bereavement period	25
Approved overseas absence	<20
Principal Carer Parent - domestic violence	<20
Community Service Order	<20
Relationship breakdown	<20
Refugee first 6 months in Australia undertaking preparatory Adult Migrant English Program	<20
<b>Total with exemptions</b>	<b>5,728</b>

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract).

*\*Claiming Disability Support Pension is an interim status during assessment of the claim whereby claimants do not have mutual obligation requirements.*

The following table provides a breakdown, by geographic area, of Youth Allowance (Other) recipients who have an exemption from mutual obligation requirements as at 25 September 2015.

<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Number of Job Seekers with exemption - Youth Allowance (Other)</b>
Major Cities of Australia	3,375
Regional Australia	2,215
Remote Australia	123
Not Assigned to a Geographic Area	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,728</b>

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract).

*Geographic Area distribution is based on recipient postcode.*