

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Parents and Allowances

1. Please provide the following data:

- The number of recipients of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance who are single with dependent children, broken down by age of youngest child.
- The number of children whose principal carer is in receipt of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance for singles with dependent children, and a breakdown of ages of these children.
- The number of children in couple families where both parents are in receipt of Newstart Allowance, Partnered or Youth Allowance, Partnered, and a breakdown of ages of these children.

Answer

The following tables provide data as at 25 November 2011 for the following:

- Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Youth Allowance (student) recipients who are single with dependent children by age of youngest child.
- The number of dependent children by age group whose principal carer is in receipt of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for singles with dependent children.
- The number of dependent children by age group in couple families where both parents are in receipt of Newstart Allowance - Partnered, Youth Allowance (other) - Partnered, or Youth Allowance (student) - Partnered.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as <20.

Recipients of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Youth Allowance (student) who are single with dependent children by age of the youngest child

Age of the youngest child	Payment Type		
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (student)
0 - 5	4199	352	104
6-12	28577	36	28
13 - 15	12313	68	54
Total	45089	456	186

Children whose principal carer is in receipt of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for singles with dependent children by age group

Age Group	Payment Type	
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
0 - 5	344	<20
6 - 12	27264	<20
13 - 15	17293	23
Total	44901	46

Partnered families where both parents are in receipt of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) or Youth Allowance (student) by age group of dependent children.

Age of the youngest child	Payment Type		
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (student)
0 - 5	522	98	44
6-12	8826	<20	<20
13 - 15	4514	<20	<20
Total	13862	111	51

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 25 November 2011