

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0914_13

Senator Siewert asked on 13 February 2013, Hansard page 67

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No. EW0551_13.

Question

Single parents and length of time on Newstart Allowance

Senator SIEWERT: Are we able to break down the latest set of figures for the number of people and the number of single parents and their length of time on Newstart? Last time you gave me month by month. I do not need month by month again, but are we able to break that down into single parents that have been on for one to two years and two or more years? Ms Paul: Are you referring to a question on notice? Senator SIEWERT: I beg your pardon. Yes in answer to a question on notice which was EW0551-13. You gave me quite a lot of information there and I thank you. Is it possible to break that down further into single parents?.....but what I would like to know is if for the latest figures that you gave us, that sort of timeframe, are you able to give us the breakdown just for single parents? Ms Drayton: We can certainly look at Newstart of principal carer parents. That is how we could break that one down even further for you. Yes, we can take that one on notice for you. Senator SIEWERT: For the latest figures. For the January figures. Ms Paul: Yes. What Ms Drayton is saying is that it will come by way of the category of principal carer parents.

Answer

The following table expands on the Newstart Allowance duration data element of previous DEEWR Question No. EW0551_13, as at 25 January 2013.

Newstart Allowance (Principal Carer Parent) recipients by Duration on Newstart Allowance and Marital Status			
Duration on Newstart Allowance	Single	Partnered	Total
<1 year	69098	17402	86500
1 year-2 years	8370	3297	11667
2 years plus	11137	3780	14917
Total	88605	24479	113084

DATA DESCRIPTIONS

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

Recipients of Newstart Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of CDEP Participation Supplement.

Single recipients are classified as those identified as Single, Divorced, Separated, Unknown or Widowed

Partnered recipients are classified as those Married, De-Facto and Registered