

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome/Agency      4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0023\_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

*Refers to EW0022\_10 Since July 2006 the number of sole parents entering Newstart/ Youth Allowance (other), including separate data for those whose youngest child reaches 8 years, with state and national breakdowns.*

**Question**

*Sole Parent Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients after six and twelve months*

The proportion of the above group who were still in receipt of Newstart/Youth Allowance (other) or other social security payments either 6 months or 12 months later (if possible indicating how many left social security for employment), with state and national breakdowns.

**Answer**

Tables 1 and 2 report the proportions of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) sole parents who were granted Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) from July 2006 to November 2008 inclusive, who were receiving income support six months after the claims were granted, by State and nationally.

The Department is unable to provide this information in respect of claims granted after November 2008, as six months has not passed since those claims were granted.

Tables 3 and 4 report the proportions of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) sole parents who were granted Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) from July 2006 to May 2008 inclusive, who were receiving income support twelve months after the claims were granted, by State and nationally.

The Department is unable to provide this information in respect of claims granted after May 2008, as twelve months has not passed since those claims were granted.

For Tables 1 to 4, the data are based on point in time comparisons and, therefore, do not necessarily indicate that the recipient was on income support throughout the period.

**Table 1: Proportion of sole parents granted Newstart Allowance between July 2006 and November 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after six months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison) (Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)**

Payment after 6 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance - Total</b>										
Newstart Allowance	63%	54%	65%	61%	61%	64%	68%	65%	61%	64%
Other Payment	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Off payment (employed)	25%	28%	24%	24%	28%	25%	23%	25%	29%	26%
Off payment (other)	6%	13%	5%	8%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance – not when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	63%	51%	64%	59%	0%	62%	68%	64%	60%	62%
Other Payment	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Off payment(e employed)	25%	30%	25%	25%	0%	26%	24%	26%	29%	27%
Off payment (other)	6%	14%	6%	9%	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance – when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	64%	73%	70%	67%	72%	70%	71%	67%	0	70%
Other Payment	3%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	3%	3%	0	5%
Off payment (employed)	21%	18%	18%	22%	19%	20%	21%	26%	0	20%
Off payment (other)	11%	3%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	4%	0	5%

**Table 2: Proportion of sole parents granted Youth Allowance (other) between July 2006 and November 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after six months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison) (Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)**

Payment after 6 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) - Total</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	54%	29%	57%	83%	33%	64%	54%	0%	54%
Other Payment	0	11%	29%	11%	0%	0%	18%	11%	100%	11%
Off payment (employed)	0	19%	14%	6%	17%	33%	9%	18%	0%	19%
Off payment (other)	0	11%	29%	17%	0%	0%	9%	11%	0%	11%
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – not when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	54%	29%	56%	83%	33%	56%	52%	0%	54%
Other Payment	0	11%	29%	12%	0%	0%	22%	11%	100%	11%
Off payment (employed)	0	20%	14%	6%	17%	33%	11%	19%	0%	20%
Off payment (other)	0	9%	29%	18%	0%	0%	11%	11%	0%	9%
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	50%	0	100%	0	0	100%	100%	0	83%
Other Payment	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Off payment (employed)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Off payment (other)	0	50%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0%	0	17%

**Table 3: Proportion of sole parents granted Newstart Allowance between July 2006 and May 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after twelve months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison) (Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)**

Payment after 6 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance - Total</b>										
Newstart Allowance	31%	42%	41%	34%	41%	48%	42%	36%	33%	39%
Other Payment	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%
Off payment (employed)	9%	11%	8%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	17%	11%
Off payment (other)	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance – not when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	30%	40%	39%	33%	39%	47%	40%	35%	33%	38%
Other Payment	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%
Off payment (employed)	10%	11%	7%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	17%	11%
Off payment (other)	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%
<b>Claimed Newstart Allowance – when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	48%	68%	70%	59%	66%	66%	66%	57%	0	64%
Other Payment	38%	51%	52%	41%	52%	52%	49%	41%	0	47%
Off payment (employed)	5%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	0	3%
Off payment (other)	3%	10%	16%	11%	9%	10%	11%	11%	0	11%

**Table 4: Proportion of sole parents granted Youth Allowance (other) between July 2006 and May 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after twelve months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison) (Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)**

Payment after 6 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) - Total</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	19%	20%	29%	71%	0%	20%	41%	0%	30%
Other Payment	0	10%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	5%
Off payment (employed)	0	5%	0%	0%	0%	33%	20%	0%	0%	4%
Off payment (other)	0	5%	0%	5%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – not when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	16%	20%	30%	71%	0%	20%	41%	0%	30%
Other Payment	0	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4%
Off payment (employed)	0	5%	0%	0%	0%	33%	20%	0%	0%	4%
Off payment (other)	0	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4%
<b>Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – when youngest child turned 8</b>										
Newstart Allowance	0	50%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	33%
Other Payment	0	0%	0	100%	0	0	0	0	0	33%
Off payment (employed)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Off payment (other)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%