

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

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

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Siewert asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 62

Single parents receiving Newstart Allowance with earnings

Question

Welfare to work

Senator SIEWERT: Now I want to know, specifically, of the single parents that are already on Newstart, how many of those report earnings? I will obviously need the full cohort and then the cohort that are employed. Ms Paul: The measure from the last budget has not started. Senator SIEWERT: I know, since we only passed it in May. Ms Paul: We will not have any figures on the Newstart for that cohort. Senator SIEWERT: But we will for the single parents. Welfare to work has been operating now since 2006, so we will have a substantive cohort of single parents. Ms Paul: Post 2006. Senator SIEWERT: That is what I am trying to work out. Ms Taylor: We do not have that figure with us but we can get that for you. We will take that on notice.

Answer

As at 30 March 2012, there were 30 049 single principal carer parent recipients of Newstart Allowance, of which 10 501 (34.9 per cent) declared earnings in the last fortnight of March 2012.