

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 26 FEBRUARY 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Young people – ‘age of independence’

**Question reference number:** HS 20

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) How many young people under 18 were assisted by DHS social workers during 2013-14?
- b) How many / percentage of young people does DHS expect will lose their access to income support, as it will be provided to the parents if the McClure changes proceed?

#### **Answer:**

- a) 51,116 young people, aged under 18 years, were referred to social workers in 2013-14.
- b) This question should be referred to the Department of Social Services as they have policy responsibility for the McClure report.