

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ16-000010

Topic: Income support

Hansard page: Written

Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Please provide the number of NSA and YA (Other) recipients who were single principal carers of dependent children in each quarter of 2014 and 2015 to date:

a. Among those in receipt of these payments in 2014, what proportion still received them one year later? Please provide a breakdown of the destinations of those who were not on NSA or YA (Other) a year later.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) single principal carers according to the breakdown requested.

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

Attachment A

Table a) Single Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) principal carers by payment type		
Quarter	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Mar-14	89,176	59
Jun-14	90,798	60
Sep-14	90,413	65
Dec-14	93,216	71
Mar-15	92,658	87
Jun-15	93,636	92
Sep-15	91,775	97

Table b) Single principal carers as at March 2014 by payment type as at March 2015		
Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	93	0
Age Pension	71	0
Austudy	569	0
Carer Payment	1,628	0
Disability Support Pension	1,086	0
Farm Household Allowance	<20	0
Newstart Allowance	68,226	<20
Parenting Payment Partnered	157	0
Parenting Payment Single	1,484	<20
Sickness Allowance	<20	0
Widow Allowance	<20	0
Youth Allowance (apprentice)	0	<20
Youth Allowance (other)	0	20
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	<20
Not on Income Support	15,842	<20

Table c) Single principal carers as at June 2014 by payment type as at June 2015		
Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	125	0
Age Pension	71	0
Austudy	753	0
Carer Payment	1,647	<20
Disability Support Pension	991	<20
Farm Household Allowance	<20	0
Newstart Allowance	70,090	<20
Parenting Payment Partnered	160	0
Parenting Payment Single	1,522	<20
Sickness Allowance	25	0
Widow Allowance	<20	0
Youth Allowance (other)	0	<20
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	<20
Not on Income Support	15,406	<20

Table d) Single principal carers as at September 2014 by payment type as at September 2015		
Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	110	0
Age Pension	77	0
Austudy	859	0
Carer Payment	1,662	<20
Disability Support Pension	812	<20
Farm Household Allowance	<20	0
Newstart Allowance	68,340	<20
Parenting Payment Partnered	163	<20
Parenting Payment Single	1,510	<20
Sickness Allowance	<20	0
Widow Allowance	<20	0
Youth Allowance (other)	0	22
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	<20
Not on Income Support	16,862	<20

Table e) Single principal carers as at December 2014 by payment type as at December 2015

Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	122	<20
Age Pension	87	0
Austudy	792	0
Carer Payment	1,612	<20
Disability Support Pension	684	0
Farm Household Allowance	<20	0
Newstart Allowance	71,844	<20
Parenting Payment Partnered	161	<20
Parenting Payment Single	1,594	<20
Sickness Allowance	24	0
Widow Allowance	<20	0
Youth Allowance (other)	0	34
Youth Allowance (student)	<20	0
Not on Income Support	16,288	<20

Note: Data for the destination one year later of December 2014 single principal carers is not yet available.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS extract).