

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

Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability

Question No: SQ16-000236

Topic: DSP/Newstart

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Can you give us, in relation to those figures, the number of people that were then on Newstart?

Answer:

	Jun-11	Jun-12	Jun-13	Jun-14	Jun-15
Disability Support Pension Population	818,850	827,460	821,738	830,454	814,391
Disability Support Pension Percentage Change	3.3%	1.1%	-0.7%	1.1%	-1.9%
Youth Allowance (other) Population	85,972	83,802	113,840*	113,998	112,620
Youth Allowance (other) Percentage Change	-2.8%	-2.5%	35.8%	0.1%	-1.2%
Newstart Allowance Population	527,480	549,773	660,673*	705,814	748,719
Newstart Allowance Percentage Change	-4.8%	4.2%	20.2%	6.8%	6.1%

* Increases in Youth Allowance (other) and Newstart Allowance recipients in 2012-13 reflect the implementation of policy changes, including increasing the minimum age for Newstart Allowance from 21 to 22 years from 1 July 2012 which increased the Youth Allowance (other) population, and the removal of Parenting Payment grandfathering arrangements from 1 January 2013 which increased the number of people receiving payments through Newstart Allowance.