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

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Topic: Newstart

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Senator Rachel Siewert, asked:

How many people on Newstart allowance with partial capacity to work are ex DSP recipients?

Answer:

As at September 2015, of the 156,155 recipients on Newstart Allowance (NSA) with a Partial Capacity to Work, 1,115 had previously been receiving Disability Support Pension (DSP).

This data captures NSA recipients who were receiving DSP immediately prior to their current episode of NSA with no break between their DSP cancellation and receipt of NSA