

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 61

Topic: Newstart/Youth Allowance changes and impact on providers

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Senator Lines asked:

I understand one way to get out of the six month wait is to do some training.

- a. Does the Department anticipate an increase in people entering training so that they can get welfare?
- b. How much do you think that training will cost and who would pay for it?

Answer:

- a. The Department expects an increase in the number of people affected by the measure to enter study or training.
- b. The Department has not estimated the total cost of additional courses undertaken as a result of this measure.

The Commonwealth Government provides assistance for people undertaking training in the following ways:

- Higher education – HELP
- VET – VET fee help