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Topic: Disability Support Pension - Review Recipients aged under 35 years

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Senator Brown asked:

How many people does the Government expect will lose their DSP and then find a job? How long will it take for these people to find work?

- a) What sort of assistance will they be eligible for to seek work?
- b) Are they automatically placed on Newstart?
- c) Will they have to serve out the new waiting periods for young people applying for Newstart?

Answer:

It is expected that around five per cent or 1,400 DSP recipients will be found no longer eligible for DSP as a result of the measure.

a) Those who no longer qualify for DSP following their review will be given information on employment services such as Disability Employment Services, Job Services Australia, or the Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

b) Former DSP recipients may be eligible for another income support payment, such as Newstart Allowance.

c) Under the *Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014*, it is proposed that a person would be exempt from waiting periods and non-payment periods if the person has a partial capacity to work. It is expected that most former DSP recipients would be likely to have a partial capacity to work.