Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 77

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

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Senator Brown asked:

The Budget measure does not include any increases in spending in Outcome 1.10 'Working Age Payments'. Does this means the Government has not budgeted for anyone to move onto Newstart who was on DSP. If they had, then wouldn't this have been accounted for in the measure?

Answer:

The Budget measure does anticipate increases in outlays on Newstart Allowance, which is part of Outcome 1.10 Working Age Payments. These increases are expected as a result of some people losing qualification for DSP, and obtaining qualification for Newstart Allowance instead.

Newstart Allowance outlays are expected to increase by around \$53.828 million over the forward estimates period as a result of this measure.