

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 219**

**Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

How does this measure compare with the one-month waiting period for unemployment benefits in NZ? Can you explain the differences between the two schemes?

**Answer:**

Payments for job seekers in New Zealand are paid up to one month in arrears.

A New Zealand Government publication, “Job Seeker Support – Help to get you working”, which contains more information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/jobseeker-support.html#Payments6>

Temporary Additional Support is also available to assist people who meet the qualification criteria and who are unable to cover essential living costs.