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Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

1. Can you tell me the number of new Newstart recipients under 30 and Youth Allowance recipients each year for the last five years and projections for the following years:

- a. 2014-15
- b. 2015-16
- c. 2016-17
- d. 2017-18

2. So we can anticipate approximately the same number of new applicants next year?

Answer:

The following sets out the number of new Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) recipients aged under 30 years, for the financial years 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 to May 2014. The Department does not forecast new grants. Projections of expenditure are based on modelling of future annual average recipient numbers.

Financial Year	Newstart Allowance inflows - recipients aged under 30	Youth Allowance (other) inflows - recipients aged under 30
2009/2010	186,434	134,464
2010/2011	177,168	133,267
2011/2012	181,389	130,258
2012/2013	154,497	150,971
2013/2014 to May 2014	148,473	132,498

Note: Includes recipients who have transferred from another payment type, have not been on income support recently or are new to income support.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data - Rectangular RED dataset (DSS extract).