

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 257**

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

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**Senator Brown** asked:

The Department has also indicated that prior work experience will offset waiting periods, one month for each year worked. Can you explain how this will work? Please provide all the details of exactly how this will work.

**Answer:**

In recognition of any work history, the six month waiting period will be reduced by one month for every year of prior work experience up to a maximum of five months. Part-time employment will also be recognised on a pro-rata basis. The detailed rules regarding exactly how this will work will be included in the proposed legislative instrument.