

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

What proportion of new Newstart recipients under 30 find a job within 6 months?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services monitors exits from payment as a proxy for recipients having found jobs, as recipients who find work are often cancelled from payment because they cease reporting their circumstances. Of the Newstart recipients granted payment between 1 April 2013 and 30 September 2013 and aged under 30 years, 49.8 per cent had exited payment within 6 months.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)