

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 people who find a job within 6 months of going on Newstart are younger than 30 years old?

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 2014 and 30 September 2013 and exiting payment within six months, 36.3 per cent were under 30 years of age.

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