

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

What is the projected budget saving achieved by removing this groups' eligibility for payments in their first six months of job seeking?

a. Can the Department identify modelling or evidence demonstrating that this cohort of people - who at the moment are on Newstart for less than six months - will find a job more quickly under the new arrangements?

Answer:

The projected budget savings total \$1.2 billion over four years.

There is evidence that payment design, including payment withdrawal rates can affect the behaviour of payment recipients.