

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 291**

**Topic: Newstart Allowance**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Collins asked:**

Can the Department confirm that moving unemployed Australians aged under 25 from Newstart to Youth Allowance will amount to a cut in income support of \$100 per fortnight?  
- What modelling, consultations and/or research was undertaken by the Department into the impact this change would have on those people who would be affected?

**Answer:**

The measure does not move any current recipient to a lower rate because young jobseekers in receipt of Newstart or Sickness Allowance as at 31 December 2014 will remain on these payments, while they remain qualified.