

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

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Question No: 370

Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

If a person is currently serving the six-month period without income support, and they receive employment for a short period - fruit picking for a few weeks or working at a festival - when they lose that job will the six-month period begin again?

a. Will this be repeated for people who work short stints all the time? If so, how will a person who works festivals, for example, ever finish their six-month wait period?

Answer:

Under the *Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No 2.) Bill 2014* a person taking up short term work of six fortnights or less will not result in a person ceasing to serve their waiting period.