

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 376**

**Topic: Increasing the age of eligibility for Newstart Allowance and Sickness Allowance**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

How many people aged 22, 23 and 24 currently receive the Sickness Allowance?

**Answer:**

The following table sets out the number of Sickness Allowance recipients aged 22, 23 and 24 years, as at 28 March 2014.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Sickness Allowance</b>
22 years	119
23 years	178
24 years	161

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Extract)