# Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

# **Social Services Portfolio**

# **2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 387

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

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# **Senator Brown** asked:

Does the Department have concerns about how people on the Sickness Allowance will meet the additional costs of their sickness when they are living off less?

# Answer:

This was a decision of Government in the context of the Budget.