

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 389**

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

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Considering that people on the Sickness Allowance already have jobs, and do not need an incentive to get work, how does giving people on the Sickness Allowance less money assist them in any way? Isn't this just making life harder for young people who are sick?

**Answer:**

It was a decision of Government that Youth Allowance is the most appropriate payment for all income support recipients under 25 years.