Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 412

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

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Senator Brown asked:

Has the Department of Social Services provided advice - to the Minister or to another department - expressing concerns about the impact that this measure might have on young jobseekers?

a) Does the Department have any such concerns? What are they?

Answer:

This measure was a decision of Government in the context of the 2014-15 Budget.