

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

Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 432

Topic: Apply the One-Week ordinary waiting period to all working age payments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

It is true, is it not, that every person who is subject to these rules have been determined to be eligible for the payment that they have applied for?

a. So, as a result of this measure how many people will have to wait a week before receiving the payment that they have already been found to be eligible for?

Answer:

Under current legislation, a person who has claimed and is qualified for Newstart Allowance or Sickness Allowance is subject to the Ordinary Waiting Period, unless they are exempt or the waiting period is waived.

Subject to the passage of legislation, from 1 October 2014, a person who has claimed and is qualified for Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance (other), Widow Allowance will also be subject to the Ordinary Waiting Period, unless they are exempt or the waiting period is waived.

a. Refer to QoN Number 429.