

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 498**

**Topic: Newstart Allowance**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

For those people who transferred onto Newstart from Parenting Payment Single, please indicate:

- a. number of people now reporting employment; and
- b. number of people who have now transferred onto other payments, and which payments.

**Answer:**

a. As at 28 March 2014, there were 26,731 Newstart Allowance recipients, who had transferred from Parenting Payment Single and were reporting earnings as at the date of their last payment.

b. The table below gives the number of Grandfathered Parenting Payment Single recipients who transferred onto Newstart and who have since transferred to other payments, by payment type.

| <b>Recipients of Parenting Payment Single who transferred onto Newstart and have since transferred to other payments, by payment type</b> |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Income Support Payment Type</b>  | <b>Total</b> |
| Age Pension   | 42           |
| Austudy   | 823          |
| Bereavement Allowance   | <20          |
| Carer Payment   | 1689         |
| Disability Support Pension  | 1194         |
| Parenting Payment Partnered   | 124          |
| Parenting Payment Single  | 1242         |
| Sickness Allowance  | 39           |
| Widow Allowance   | 23           |
| Youth Allowance   | <20          |
| <b>Other Payment - Total</b>  | <b>5179</b>  |

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)