

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

Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 597

Topic: Sickness Allowance

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the number and percentage of people on Sickness Allowance who exited income support within 12 months of the Grant.

Answer:

Of the 20,447 recipients granted Sickness Allowance in the twelve months between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013, the most recent twelve-month data available, 89.6 per cent or 18,325 had exited payment within twelve months.

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