

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ16-000419

Topic: Family & Students Payments Policy

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

Has the Department provided the Minister with any advice or data analysis that states more than 50% of Newstart recipients have income from rental properties, dividends or interest?

Answer:

The Department provided the following data, as at 25 March 2016, to the Minister, which lists income gained other than from earnings per fortnight by Newstart Allowance recipients.

| Newstart Allowance | Total | Other Income | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Yes | |
| Age | Count | Count | Ave. pf |
| 22 - 24 | 75,499 | 32,576 | 6.88 |
| 25 - 34 | 174,797 | 77,535 | 14.49 |
| 35 - 44 | 181,921 | 94,012 | 32.67 |
| 45 - 54 | 177,554 | 111,077 | 41.41 |
| 55 - 64 | 158,604 | 126,302 | 40.55 |
| Total | 768,375 | 441,502 | 32.03 |