

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: SQ16-000455

Topic: Mutual Obligation

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Please provide advice on the number of people who currently, as the minister said in his Press Club speech, have no mutual obligation.

Answer:

As at 24 June 2016, 439,515 recipients of working age payments were not required or actively encouraged to participate in meeting Mutual Obligations in any substantive sense.

These recipients may receive one of the following payments:

- Parenting Payment Single
- Parenting Payment Partnered
- Newstart Allowance
- Special benefit
- Youth Allowance (Other)
- Wife Pension (DSP)
- Wife Pension (Age)
- Partner Allowance
- Widow Allowance