

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: SQ16-000463

Topic: Newstart/Youth Allowance Recipients - carers

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Please provide the number of NSA and YA (Other) recipients who were single principal carers of dependent children in each quarter of 2015 and 2016 to date.

a) Among those in receipt of these payments in 2015, what proportion still received them one year later (to date)?

b) Please include a breakdown of the destinations of those who were not on NSA or YA (Other) one year later.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) single principal carer recipients according to the breakdown requested.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than five are reported as "<5" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

Table a) Single Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) principal carers by payment type		
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Mar-15	92,658	87
Jun-15	93,636	92
Sep-15	91,775	97
Dec-15	93,389	123
Mar-16	92,906	126
Jun-16	89,764	133

Table b) Single principal carers as at June 2015 by payment type as at June 2016		
Payment Type	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	124	0
Age Pension	71	0
Austudy	889	0
Carer Payment	1,542	<5
Disability Support Pension	518	0
Farm Household Allowance	<5	0
Newstart Allowance	70,604	15
Parenting Payment Partnered	181	<5
Parenting Payment Single	1,640	25
Sickness Allowance	18	0
Widow Allowance	<5	0
Youth Allowance (apprentice)	0	<5
Youth Allowance (other)	0	22
Youth Allowance (student)	0	<5
Not on Income Support	18,045	22
Total	93,636	92

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS extract). **Note:** Data for the destination one year later of September 2015 single principal carers is not yet available.