

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance
Output Group 1.1: Working Age Payments
Output 1.2.1: Information, referral and support services

Question Number: W222-05

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Senator Wong provided in writing:

Can we have figures on overall numbers of NSA and YA incapacitated in 2003-04, and to March 2005, plus an additional breakdown by age and gender for the periods listed.

Answer:

There is no NSA or YA incapacitated payment type. NSA or YA jobseekers may be granted a temporary exemption from the activity test on the grounds of incapacity where they lodge a supporting medical certificate.

The table below provides overall numbers of NSA and YA recipients with a temporary exemption on the grounds of incapacity for 2003-04 and to March 2005, including a breakdown by age and gender.

Newstart incapacitated Population 18/6/04	Male	Female	Newstart incapacitated population 18/2/05	Male	Female
21-24 Years	2,758	2,375	21-24 Years	2,602	2,372
25-34 Years	8,103	3,989	25-34 Years	7,731	3,859
35-44 Years	8,427	4,233	35-44 Years	8,145	4,110
45-54 Years	7,021	5,978	45-54 Years	6,757	6,091
55-64 Years	5,362	2,778	55-64 Years	5,687	3,215
Youth Allowance # incapacitated population 18/6/04	Male	Female	Youth Allowance # incapacitated population 18/2/05	Male	Female
15-20 Years	1,799	2,310	15-20 Years	1,617	2,296

Source: Centrelink

The data does not allow for a separation of customers who are students (Department of Education, Science and Training) and DEWR Jobseekers. The YA incapacitated population includes YA(other) and YA(students).