

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Cormann asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 126.**

**Question**

**PRINCIPAL CARER PARENTS IN RECEIPT OF NEWSTART ALLOWANCE**

Senator CORMANN—However, what I would be interested in is whether you are able to provide us with data on the number of people in receipt of Newstart Allowance who are principal carers.

Senator CORMANN—Why is that particular data no longer published? It used to be, up until March 2008. Is there a reason, or is it just because the staff member that looked after that part of it is no longer there? Dr Morehead—We will have to take that on notice. We are not aware that it was usually published or has been published recently.

**Answer**

As at 25 December 2009, 39 190 recipients of Newstart Allowance were principal carer parents.

The number of principal carer parents in receipt of Newstart Allowance is not and has not previously been reported regularly in a publication produced by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.