

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Newstart Allowance - Unemployed income support recipients by duration on benefit

Please provide the following data on Newstart Allowance recipients at June 2009, June 2010 and June 2011.

- i. Unemployed/NSA under 12 months.
- ii. Unemployed/NSA 12 months to less than 24 months.
- iii. Unemployed/NSA 24 months to less than 60 months.
- iv. 60 months and over.
- v. All unemployed income support recipients.
- vi. 12 months and over, and as a proportion of all income support recipients.
- vii. 24 months and over, and as a proportion of all income support recipients.
- viii. 60 months and over, and as a proportion of all income support recipients.

Answer

The following table shows recipients of Newstart Allowance at June 2009, June 2010 and June 2011 by income support duration, including continuous periods on other payments.

As at	Under 12 months	12 months to less than 24 months	24 months to less than 60 months	60 months and over
26/06/2009	261 278	69 952	82 687	106 277
25/06/2010	222 377	120 313	101 934	109 269
24/06/2011	197 003	91 670	132 316	106 491

The following table shows recipients of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) or Parenting Payment with participation requirements at June 2009, June 2010 and June 2011, by income support duration (including continuous periods on other payments) and as a proportion of the total population.

As at	Under 12 months		12 months to less than 24 months		24 months to less than 60 months		60 months and over	
	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Number	% of total
26/06/2009	311120	41.3	88517	11.7	129009	17.1	225645	29.9
25/06/2010	267422	34.4	144416	18.6	145326	18.7	220024	28.3
24/06/2011	238581	32.5	114329	15.6	171889	23.4	209800	28.6

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data.