

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW1053_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Newstart Allowance (with earnings)

"Please provide data on the number of job seekers with earnings on Newstart Allowance. Please provide details of the numbers of Newstart Allowance recipients with and without earnings using the following categories:

- I. Newstart Allowance
- II. Newstart Allowance (Principal Carer)
- III. Newstart Allowance (Partial Capacity).

Please provide a breakdown of the three categories listed above by Aboriginal and Torres Strait island descent and gender."

Answer

The following tables provide data as at 25 November 2011 on the number of job seekers receiving Newstart Allowance, Newstart Allowance - principal carer and Newstart Allowance - partial capacity to work, by earnings indicator, Indigenous status and gender.

Newstart Allowance by Earnings, Gender and Indigenous status

Earnings Indicator	Female		Male	
	Not Indigenous	Indigenous	Not Indigenous	Indigenous
No	141760	15650	224843	26748
Yes	52751	2026	42746	2480

Newstart Allowance Principal Carers by Earnings, Gender and Indigenous status

Earnings Indicator	Female		Male	
	Not Indigenous	Indigenous	Not Indigenous	Indigenous
No	20942	2308	4001	446
Yes	11508	494	1145	78

Newstart Allowance Partial Capacity (0 to 29 Hours) by Earnings, Gender and Indigenous status

Earnings Indicator	Female		Male	
	Not Indigenous	Indigenous	Not Indigenous	Indigenous
No	32015	1821	40171	2115
Yes	7939	187	5933	157

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 25 November 2011