

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Loss of working credits

Senator SINODINOS: With people making the transition to Newstart, how many of those parents will lose working credits? Ms Taylor: I might have to take that on notice.

Answer

When a recipient moves from one working credit eligible payment to another (within 12 months), their working credit balance as at the end date of their previous payment is transferred as the opening working credit balance for the new payment, i.e. no loss of working credits. Those transitioned from Parenting Payment to Newstart Allowance should therefore not lose working credits as a result of the transition.