

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome/Agency      4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0015\_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW138-08*

**Question**

*Income support duration and employment status of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients*

The number of Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) recipients by duration on payments (eg less than 1 year, 1-2 years, 2-5 years, over 5 years), employment status, with state and national breakdowns (see EW138-08 from Additional Estimates 2007–08, but add a column for the national data).

**Answer**

Tables 1 and 2 show Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients by income support duration at 29 May 2009, by State and nationally. Income support duration includes periods on other types of income support.

Tables 3 and 4 show Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients by employment status at 29 May 2009, by State and nationally. Recipients who declared earnings in the most recent fortnight are reported as “Employed”.

**Table 1: Income Support Duration of Newstart Allowance recipients, by State  
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Income Support Duration	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<1 year	2,077	86,364	3,869	65,584	19,516	6,683	65,135	25,530	146	274,904
1 to <2 years	638	24,783	1,574	13,806	6,129	1,989	17,487	5,728	94	72,228
2 to <5 years	686	31,436	2,262	15,029	7,984	2,707	21,256	6,147	119	87,626
5 years or more	923	39,229	4,434	18,054	10,914	4,884	26,049	7,115	122	111,724

**Table 2: Income Support Duration of Youth Allowance (other) recipients, by State  
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Income Support Duration	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<1 year	344	14,213	1,012	11,923	3,053	1,223	7,563	4,413	36	43,780
1 to <2 years	140	5,239	421	3,430	1,218	533	2,697	1,157	18	14,853
2 to <5 years	192	7,979	401	3,856	2,330	990	5,445	1,095	31	22,319
5 years or more	<20	73	<20	30	<20	<20	31	<20	<20	173

**Table 3: Employment Status of Newstart Allowance recipients, by State  
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Employment Status	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Not employed	3,525	148,419	11,249	89,293	34,637	11,995	101,900	36,894	0	437,912
Employed	799	33,393	890	23,180	9,906	4,268	28,027	7,626	0	108,089

**Table 4: Employment Status of Youth Allowance (other) recipients, by State  
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Employment Status	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Not employed	565	23,269	1,770	15,794	5,434	2,178	12,852	5,868	78	67,808
Employed	113	4235	67	3,445	1,185	573	2,884	806	9	13,317