

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

INCOME SUPPORT RECIPIENTS UNDER AND OVER 25 YEARS AND LENGTH OF TIME ON PAY

"1. Please provide the following breakdowns of long term recipients of various social security payments by electorate, or by postcode if the data is not available by electorate:

- (a) Persons 25 years and over and those in receipt of the payment for more than 12 months for Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment (Single) and Parenting Payment (Partnered).
- (b) Persons under 25 years and those in receipt of the payment for over 3 months for Youth Allowance (Other), Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment (Single) and Parenting Payment (Partnered).
- (c) Special Benefit, as above.

Answer

The requested information is not readily available and it would involve an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources to ascertain such information.

The Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations publishes data on recipients of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment (Single) and Parenting Payment (Partnered) at the Employment Services Area, Labour Market Region and national levels on the labour market information portal at www.deewr.gov.au

Special Benefit is the portfolio responsibility of Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.