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Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cash asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 17

Question

JSA breakdown by reason of exemption

Ms Drayton: That is right. Of the JSA caseload, which was 741,232, there are 48,123 Centrelink exemptions on participants. Just to give you an idea of the makeup of that, if that is of interest to you— Senator CASH: It is. Is this the breakdown by reason of exemption? Ms Drayton: Yes. Senator CASH: Thank you. Ms Drayton: It is a very long list, which I am happy to provide to you. Senator CASH: If you could table that, thank you.

Answer

A full list of Centrelink exemptions is at *Attachment A*.

Job seekers on the JSA ACL who were suspended due to having a Centrelink Exemption as at 31 March 2012

Program Suspension Group	Program Suspension Description	Number of Job seekers	Percentage
Caring responsibility	Receiving Special Benefit payment with a child under 6 years	1	0.02
	Principal carer providing home schooling	506	10.8
	Principal Carer of a large Family, four or more children 6-15 years old, or 16-18 years old and still completing secondary school	1251	26.5
	Job seeker is facilitating distance education	70	1.5
	Job seeker is caring for a child with high needs but not eligible for Carer Payment	501	10.6
	Job seeker is caring for a child in accordance with a court order or State/Territory protection or care plan	13	0.3
	Job seeker is an emergency and respite foster carer	545	11.5
	Job seeker has unexpected caring responsibilities of an adult or child	64	1.4
	Job seeker has special family circumstances e.g. a stressful separation	140	3
	Job seeker has caring responsibilities	1522	32
	Experiencing other special circumstances	77	1.6
	Carer Non Parental Relative Exemption	32	0.7
	Total		4722
Personal circumstances	Undertaking a community service order	58	0.4
	Remote Location Exemption	12	0.8
	Refugee first 6 months exemption	7	0.04
	Refugee first 13 weeks in Australia or undertaking a preparatory program	182	1
	Other special circumstances case-by-case, beyond job seekers control	635	4
	Major personal disruption e.g. fire, burglary	148	0.96
	Job seeker is undertaking Jury Duty	9	0.6
	Job seeker is pregnant and within 6 weeks of expected due date of giving birth	2515	16
	Job seeker is on Approved Overseas Absence	6813	44
	Job seeker is experiencing a Major Personal Crisis e.g. homelessness	2872	18.7
	Job seeker is Claiming DSP*	1930	12
	Job seeker has been bereaved	124	0.8
	Has suffered domestic violence or relationship breakdown	88	0.6
Total		15393	32
Activity Test Exemption	Undertaking a rehabilitation program to assist returning to work	1	0.004
	Incapacitated due to serious illness e.g. cancer, acquired brain injury	649	2.3
	Incapacitated due to illness, injury or disability of a temporary nature	27358	97.7
Total		28008	58.2
Total job seekers who were suspended due to having a Centrelink Exemption		48123	100

*Claiming Disability Support Pension is an interim status whereby recipients do not have an Activity Test or participation requirement.