

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

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

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW532_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

This question refers to a question from the previous estimates about Sole Parent Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients after six and twelve months.

Question

Sole Parents entering Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) after twelve months.

Is the heading of tables 3 & 4 in the answer to QoN 23_10 (from the last estimates) for sole parents correct (ie should it refer to people who claimed after November 2008 not May 2008)

Answer

Tables 3 and 4 report the proportion of sole parents granted Newstart Allowance who were on income support after twelve months.

The tables correctly indicate that they refer to people who claimed between July 2006 and May 2008 but the heading "Payment after 6 months" should correctly read "Payment after 12 months."

The Department apologizes to the committee for this titling error.

Corrected tables are attached.

Table 3: Proportion of sole parents granted Newstart Allowance between July 2006 and May 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after twelve months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison) (Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)

Payment after 12 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Claimed Newstart Allowance - Total										
Newstart Allowance	31%	42%	41%	34%	41%	48%	42%	36%	33%	39%
Other Payment	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%
Off payment (employed)	9%	11%	8%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	17%	11%
Off payment (other)	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%
Claimed Newstart Allowance – not when youngest child turned 8										
Newstart Allowance	30%	40%	39%	33%	39%	47%	40%	35%	33%	38%
Other Payment	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%
Off payment (employed)	10%	11%	7%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	17%	11%
Off payment (other)	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%
Claimed Newstart Allowance – when youngest child turned 8										
Newstart Allowance	48%	68%	70%	59%	66%	66%	66%	57%	0	64%
Other Payment	38%	51%	52%	41%	52%	52%	49%	41%	0	47%
Off payment (employed)	5%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	0	3%
Off payment (other)	3%	10%	16%	11%	9%	10%	11%	11%	0	11%

**Table 4: Proportion of sole parents granted Youth Allowance (other) between July 2006 and May 2008 (inclusive), who were on income support after twelve months, by State (NB. Data based on point in time comparison)
(Centrelink Administrative Data – July 2006 to May 2009 inclusive)**

Centrelink Administrative Data July 2000 to May 2003 inclusive

Payment after 12 months	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Claimed Youth Allowance (other) - Total										
Newstart Allowance	0	19%	20%	29%	71%	0%	20%	41%	0%	30%
Other Payment	0	10%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	5%
Off payment (employed)	0	5%	0%	0%	0%	33%	20%	0%	0%	4%
Off payment (other)	0	5%	0%	5%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – not when youngest child turned 8										
Newstart Allowance	0	16%	20%	30%	71%	0%	20%	41%	0%	30%
Other Payment	0	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4%
Off payment (employed)	0	5%	0%	0%	0%	33%	20%	0%	0%	4%
Off payment (other)	0	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4%
Claimed Youth Allowance (other) – when youngest child turned 8										
Newstart Allowance	0	50%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	33%
Other Payment	0	0%	0	100%	0	0	0	0	0	33%
Off payment (employed)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Off payment (other)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%