

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Finance and Public Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

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**Question: HS12**

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**Topic: Centrelink - Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance**

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**SENATOR WONG** asked on 31/10/2006:

Senator WONG—Can you give me national figures of the proportion of Newstart and Youth Allowance customers who are currently under fortnightly lodgement or fortnightly engagement?

Mr Whalan—We can, but we will also take it on notice.

**Answer:**

As at 3 November 2006 there were 564,836 Newstart and Youth Allowance customers. Of these, 61 per cent are under fortnightly lodgement or engagement.

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