

In response of the FOI request, the Income Support Information is as follows:

How much the average fortnightly payments have decreased (in AUD) for those previously receiving Parenting Payments and now receive Newstart?

Average Basic Rate of Payment Per Fortnight

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| December 2012 | Parenting Payment Single - Grandfathered - Youngest Child 8+ | \$473.56 |
| January 2013 | Newstart Allowance - Single Principal Carer - Youngest Child 8+ | \$412.20 |
| February 2013 | Newstart Allowance - Single Principal Carer - Youngest Child 8+ | \$403.83 |

Note: This does not include other payments that a parent may be eligible for such as Family Tax Benefit (with Rent Assistance), Child Care assistance or SchoolKids Bonus.

How many of those (in both numbers and percentage terms) shifted to Newstart found gainful employment in the period 1 January 2013 - 28 February 2013, and no longer receive Newstart payments?

As of 15 March 2013, 3534 of the previously grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients who transferred to Newstart Allowance on 1 January 2013 had subsequently left payment. The administrative data show number of recipients whose earnings affected their payment or eligibility for payment, but these earnings may be from sources other than employment.

The total amount (in AUD) the Government has saved in revenue during the period 1 January 2013 - 28 February 2013 owing to moving sole parents onto the Newstart Allowance.

Measures affecting a particular payment are included as part of normal expenditure for that payment, not as a separate component. The estimated savings relating to this measure for 2012-13 is \$96.9 million.

Source: 2012- 13 Portfolio Budget Statements, Budget Paper No 2