

Question on Notice

No. 381

Asked on Tuesday, 21 April 2026

HON S FENTIMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (**HON S O’CONNOR**)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, since November 2024 (or the nearest available reporting period) to date, (a) how many recipients of the Rental Security Subsidy have reached the maximum duration of assistance (2 years under the general program), (b) how many recipients have reached the maximum duration under the young people’s program (4 years for those aged 25 years or under) and (c) how many people, as a result, are no longer eligible to receive further Rental Security Subsidy assistance?

ANSWER:

Between 26 November 2024 and 31 March 2026, the following number of customers were approved for Rental Security Subsidy (RSS) assistance:

a) 6,367 households assisted under the RSS – General subsidy (two-year period).

Due to system configuration, determining how many of these customers reached the maximum duration of assistance under the RSS would require a manual review of the system which would be an unreasonable use of departmental resources.

b) 581 households assisted under the RSS – Young Persons subsidy (four-year period) between 26 November 2024 and 31 March 2026. The Young Persons subsidy commenced in mid-2024 and the four-year maximum duration has not yet been reached.

With respect to part (c) of the question, the RSS is a time-limited assistance product for eligible customers in private rental tenancies. Customers who have expended the financial assistance amount within the two-year or four-year period (depending on the product) may not be offered a second RSS during that period.

However, customers may reapply for further RSS assistance if they remain eligible at the end of the assistance period. Additionally, an RSS may be utilised by a customer for multiple tenancies during the eligibility period, provided the maximum assistance amount and duration are not exceeded.