

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance
Output Group 1.1: Working Age Payments
Output 1.2.1: Information, referral and support services

Question Number: W207-05

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 92:

Can the Department advise what proportion of parents attending a participation interview were assisted with referral to a return to work program, a jet program, child care, rehabilitation, Job Network or education and training or other?

Answer:

For the period 20 September 2004 to 26 November 2004, 25.3 per cent of people on parenting payment single plus parenting payment partnered attending participation interviews were referred to Australian Government participation programmes. See following table:

Referrals	Parenting Payment Single	Parenting Payment Partnered
Participation Interviews	176,134	50,379
Job Network	30,168	6,425
Career Counselling	7,226	1,250
Job Placement, Employment and Training	74	19
Language, Literacy and Numeracy	4,639	3,187
New Apprenticeship Access	529	102
Job Pathways Training	7	5
Personal Support Programme	1,013	161
CRS Australia	1,596	320
Disability Open Employment	394	69
Disability Supported Employment	24	3
Green Corps	1	-
Total Referrals	45,671	11,541

Source: Centrelink

Note: Some people on parenting payment are already engaged in Work or Education and Training when interviewed and hence do not need a referral.