

**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: W226-05

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Can we have details of the numbers of medical certificates that were not accepted by Centrelink from customers seeking an activity test exemption, or currently on an activity test exemption?

Answer:

The data below shows total Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) customers medical certificate lodgements for 2004 including a breakdown of exemptions granted and those not granted.

TOTAL – 2004 Medical Certificates for current NSA/YA (other)		
Not exempted from the activity test	Exempted from the activity test	TOTAL
84571	398928	483499

Source: Centrelink