

**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 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.4: Mutual Obligation initiatives

Question Number: W234-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of job seekers who participated in Work for the Dole through 2004 according to:

- duration of unemployment (<1 year, 1-2 yrs, 2-3 yrs, 3 yrs plus)
- age and sex
- Indigenous, CALD and disability and sole parent status, including the number on DSP
- educational attainment
- state.

Answer:

Attachment A provides breakdowns for the financial year 2004-05. A breakdown by educational attainment is not available.

Attachment A

Job seeker characteristics by Work for the Dole participation during 2004-05 financial year

Duration on income support (years) prior to commencement in Work for the Dole	
Duration	Commencement Count
Unknown *	81
<1 year	17,020
1-2 years	7,323
2-3 years	8,105
3 years and over	19,580
Total	52,109

* Indicates that a job seeker's registration start date is after their commencement date.

Age and Gender at Work for the Dole commencement			
Age Group at Commencement	Female Commencements	Male Commencements	Total Commencements
<21	3,669	4,444	8,113
21-39	8,149	24,661	32,810
40-49	2,910	7,080	9,990
50+	316	880	1,196
Total	15,044	37,065	52,109

Client group at Work for the Dole commencement					
Indigenous	CALD	Disability	Sole Parent	Other	Total Commencements
2,913	6,556	3,866	872	37,902	52,109

Commencements by State	
State	Commencement
New South Wales	16,995
Victoria	12,210
Queensland	11,725
Western Australia	4,452
South Australia	4,237
Tasmania	1,668
Northern Territory	402
Australian Capital Territory	420
Total	52,109

Disability Support Pension

The number of job seekers in receipt of Disability Support Pension at the time they commenced in Work for the Dole during 2004-05 was 16.