

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

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working Age Payments

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Question Number: W246-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: What is the profile of current Parenting Payment (Single) and Partnered recipients (respectively) by age, sex, age of youngest child (0-5, 6-12, 13+), region (statistical local area or local government area), employment status and income?

Answer:

In December 2004, 450,377 people were in receipt of Parenting Payment (Single), and 173,669 people were in receipt of Parenting Payment (Partnered).

Table 1 provides a breakdown of Parenting Payment recipients by age.

	Parenting Payment (Single)		Parenting Payment (Partnered)	
	No.	%	No.	%
Under 20	9,688	2%	2,795	2%
20-29	116,672	26%	39,204	23%
30-39	182,436	41%	75,014	43%
40-49	122,516	27%	48,234	28%
50-59	18,103	4%	7,942	5%
60 and over	962	0%	480	0%
Total	450,377	100%	173,669	100%

*As at 10 December 2004 for PP(s) and 14 January 2005 for PP(p).

Source: Centrelink.

Table 2 provides a breakdown of Parenting Payment recipients by gender.

Table 2: PP Recipients by gender, December 2004 / January 2005*					
	Males		Females		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Parenting Payment (Single)	34,935	8%	415,442	92%	450,377
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	18,507	11%	155,162	89%	173,669

*As at 10 December 2004 for PP(s) and 14 January 2005 for PP(p).

Source: Centrelink.

Table 3 provides a breakdown of Parenting Payment recipients by the age of their youngest child.

Table 3: PP Recipients by age of youngest child, December 2004 / January 2005*				
	Parenting Payment (Single)		Parenting Payment (Partnered)	
	No.	%	No.	%
0-5 years	215,766	48%	103,928	60%
6-12 years	175,550	39%	54,846	32%
13-15 years	59,061	13%	14,895	9%
Total	450,377	100%	173,669	100%

*As at 10 December 2004 for PP(s) and 14 January 2005 for PP(p).

Source: Centrelink.

The data required to answer the question on employment status and income is not readily available.

Information on Parenting Payment recipients by Statistical Local Area (SLA) is provided at Attachment A. Due to confidentiality reasons, SLAs with fewer than 20 recipients have been denoted by '<20'.