

**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: Working Age Payments

Output 1.2.1: Working Age Payments and Compliance

Question Number: W247-05

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Senator Wong asked in writing:

Each of these answers needed separately for sole and partnered parenting payment clients with youngest child 6 to 12 and youngest child 13 or over and the total (ie 4 categories plus total).

- How many parents are there in the target groups – currently and over the whole of 2004.
- Since the Introduction of AWT how many parents have had a participation interview?
- How many participation interviews for parents were with a Personal Adviser and how many with a JET adviser?
- How many participation interviews for parents were conducted in the calendar year 2004
- How many Parenting Payment clients have had their payment suspended for non-attendance at a participation interview
- How many of these subsequently went on to have their payment cancelled.
- How many of those who had their payment cancelled currently remain cancelled

Answer:

The following answers are based on Centrelink data

- How many parents are there in the target group – currently and over the whole of 2004?

Parenting payment target groups at 18 February 2005¹

Youngest Child's Age	Single	Partnered	Total
6-12	155,016	41,711	196,727
13 +	49,207	11,829	61,036
Total	204,223	53,540	257,763

1. This table provides data on recipients in the target groups at 18 February 2005. Some of these recipients would also have been in the target groups in the course of 2004.

Data on recipients in the target groups for the whole of 2004 is not available.

- Since the introduction of AWT how many parents have had a participation interview?

Between 20 September 2002 (when the AWT Parenting measure was introduced) and 28 January 2005, 253,086 parents have had a Participation Interview.

- How many participation interviews for parents were with a Personal Adviser and how many with a JET adviser?

Data on whether interviews were conducted by a Personal Advisor or a JET adviser is only available for 2004, and is provided below.

Interviews of Parents with a Personal Adviser (1 January to 31 December 2004)²

Youngest Child's Age	Single	Partnered	Total
6-12	96,102	22,721	118,823
13 +	4,928	1,187	6,115
Total	101,030	23,908	124,938

2. A customer may have more than one interview. These tables include initial interviews, annual interviews, follow-up interviews and progress interviews. Short contacts have been excluded.

Interviews of Parents with a JET Adviser (1 January to 31 December 2004)

Youngest Child's Age	Single	Partnered	Total
6-12	2,871	428	3,299
13 +	61,535	16,205	77,740
Total	64,406	16,633	81,039

- How many participation interviews for parents were conducted in the calendar year 2004?

Participation interviews for parents (1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004)³

Children's Age	Single	Partnered	Total
6-12	99,099	23,171	122,270
13 +	67,032	17,542	84,574
Total	166,131	40,713	206,844

3. The above table includes initial interviews, annual interviews, follow-up interviews, progress interviews and interviews conducted by other Centrelink Specialists and Customer Service Officers. Short contacts have been excluded.

- How many Parenting Payment clients have had their payment suspended for non-attendance at a participation interview?

Between 7 September 2002 and 18 March 2005, 4,682 Parenting Payment recipients had their payment suspended for not attending a Participation interview.

- How many of these subsequently went on to have their payment cancelled?

Of those who had payment suspended for not attending a Participation interview, 287 Parenting Payment recipients had their payments subsequently cancelled.

- How many of those who had their payment cancelled currently remain cancelled?

This data is not readily available.