

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

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
16 FEBRUARY 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour Market Programme and Delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W690-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

How many Wage Assist places are available over the life of the current funding for the program, for each Centrelink area office? How many for each federal electorate?

Answer:

There will be 15 000 Wage Assist places funded to assist long term unemployed job seekers over 3 years from 2006-07.

Wage Assist places will be apportioned to Job Network members based on their share of very long-term unemployed job seekers. Job Network members will manage the distribution of their allocated places between individual sites on the basis of demand. Additional places are not allocated in a fixed number by Centrelink area or electorate.