

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working Age Policy

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Question Number: W691-06

Question: Senator Wong asked in writing: How is DEWR to determine if a person is a 'job avoider'? How many 'job avoiders' does the department think there are?

Answer: Job seekers who complete the second round of Intensive Support customised assistance will be assessed by their Job Network Member to determine their future service needs and whether they have demonstrated a pattern of work avoidance. DEWR is in the process of finalising programme guidelines on what should be taken into account in making this assessment.

The VLTU package of assistance includes funding for up to 16,500 Full Time Work for the Dole places each year for the first 3 years.