

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

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
15 FEBRUARY 2007
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 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W1068-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked the following question on notice:

Welfare to Work transitions Please provide the following data from July 2006 to the present time (broken down by State, including principal carer, partial capacity and Indigenous status): **a)** participation reports received by Centrelink **b)** participation failures determined by Centrelink **c)** review and appeals in regard to participation failures, and their outcomes **d)** first participation failures recorded **e)** second participation failures recorded **f)** third participation failures recorded **g)** 8 week payment suspensions, broken down into third participation failures and serious participation failures **h)** offered financial case management (by govt. and non-govt. provider) **i)** received financial case management (by govt. and non-govt. provider)

Answer:

From 1 July 2006 to 23 February 2007:

- a)** 215,546 Participation Reports have been received by Centrelink from providers of Australian Government employment services.
- b)** As a result 103,503 failures were applied by Centrelink.
- c)** Data on reviews and appeals is not publicly available.
- d)** This breakdown is not publicly available.
- e)** This breakdown is not publicly available.
- f)** This breakdown is not publicly available.
- g)** 7,454 job seekers had an eight week non-payment period applied by Centrelink as a result of a serious failure or a third participation failure.
- h) & i)** Data on financial case management is not publicly available.

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