

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question:

Senator Wong asked, in writing, how many Parenting payment recipients are estimated to face activity requirements from July 2007 (broken down by PPS and PPP status, and by State)? Please provide a breakdown of their estimated distribution among employment assistance providers (eg Job Network, PSP)

Answer:

On 1 July 2007, 233,000 Parenting payment recipients are estimated to face activity requirements. The numbers broken down by State and Territory, and by payment type are shown below:

	PPP	PPS	Total
NSW	15,243	60,586	75,851
VIC	11,476	45,587	57,079
QLD	7,210	39,908	47,091
WA	3,105	18,566	21,656
SA	3,589	15,811	19,399
TAS	1,472	5,533	7,008
NT	640	2,048	2,690
ACT	266	1,963	2,226
Total	43,000	190,000	233,000

Of the 233,000 grandfathered group of parents, there are currently about 56,000 who have been referred to Job Network on a voluntary basis. There were 44,000 parents who have not been referred to Job Network but are meeting their upcoming requirements in full by working. The remaining 133,000 grandfathered Parenting

Payment recipients will access employment services (Job Network, Personal Support programme, Vocational Rehabilitation, Disability Employment Network etc), move into full-time education and/or seek exemptions from participation requirements. The distribution of parents into particular employment services will depend on their individual needs, including any eligibility for exemptions. It is expected, however, that around 74,000 will go to Job Network.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours at an estimated cost of \$84.18.