

**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: **W1088-07**

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 10:

Please provide a breakdown of available information on the classification of job seekers within Job Network services at a point in time and the numbers in each of those categories to include the \$97m reduction in 07-08 as well.

Answer:

Attachment A provides a breakdown of the classification of job seekers in Job Network services as at 9 March 2007. This information is not available for 2007-08. The reduction to the administered appropriation for 2007-08, which appears on page 13 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2006-07, is based on modelling of overall Job Network costs and does not involve a calculation of future point in time caseloads. Access to the Job Network service is demand driven and actual expenditure is determined by eligible job seekers and associated job outcome payments and other elements of the appropriation.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 7.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$150.

Table 1 – Active Caseload by Phase

Active Participation Model Phase	Active Caseload Count (approximate)
Job Search Support	371,000
Intensive Support	169,000
Intensive Support Customised Assistance Phase 1	124,000
Intensive Support Customised Assistance Phase 2	42,000
Intensive Support Job Search Training	65,000
Intensive Support Job Search Training Refresher	6,000
Intensive Support Mutual Obligation	51,000
Total	828,000

Table 2 – Active Caseload by Income Support Payment Type

Allowance Type	Active Caseload Count (approximate)
Parenting Payment Partnered	21,000
Disability Support Pension	36,000
Youth Allowance	70,000
Parenting Payment Single	85,000
Other*	97,000
Non-Allowance Youth	101,000
Newstart Allowance	418,000
Total	828,000

* The 'Other' category includes allowance types such as War Widower Pension, Special Temporary Protection Visa Holder, Wife Pension Aged, etc

Table 3 – Active Caseload by Period of Unemployment

Length of Unemployment*	Active Caseload Count (approximate)
0-3 Months	239,000
4-6 Months	91,000
7-12 Months	113,000
13-24 Months	137,000
25-36 Months	84,000
37+ Months	164,000
Total	828,000

* Length of Unemployment is an administrative measure and should not be interpreted as a period of continuous unemployment (eg it may include allowable breaks, exemptions, temporary absences etc).