

**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**

**Output 3.1.1: Working age policy and legislation**

**Question Number: W1114-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked: In relation to W992-07 can you explain what arrangements are in place in each state to quickly assess a person's eligibility as a principal carer?

**Answer:**

Centrelink assesses a person's eligibility as a principal carer based on the *Social Security Act 1991*. This is a Commonwealth Act and therefore applies consistently across all states and territories.

Further questions on how the assessment of principal carer status takes place should be addressed to Centrelink.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$27.50.