

**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 1.2.5: **Employment preparation services**

Question Number: W1124-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* pages 57 and 59: Personal Support Programme. Further to W925-07, can the department provide an update to Attachment A including priority level numbers for referral?

Answer:

Attachment A to W925-07 has been updated to identify the number of people waiting for a Personal Support Programme place by Employment Services Area, including those who have been coded in the system awaiting referral by priority level. Less than four per cent of people on the waitlist at the end December 2006 were Priority One.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$68 to prepare this answer.

Attachment A

People waiting for Personal Support Programme services by ESA

State	Employment Service Area	People waiting for a place at end Dec 2006	PSP waitlist (currently coded in the system and awaiting referral)	PSP Priority Level for referral #				
				N/A#	1	2	3	4
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	277	182		5	85	79	13
NSW	Northern Beaches Sydney	105	68		4	32	30	2
NSW	Blue Mountains	48	22		3	8	9	2
NSW	Canterbury/Bankstown	504	322	1	2	12	220	87
NSW	Central Coast Sydney	289	184	1	8	120	45	10
NSW	Central Eastern NSW	55	24	2	4	10	6	2
NSW	Central West Sydney	615	308	1	2	102	183	20
NSW	Central Murrumbidgee	46	23		3	16	3	1
NSW	North Coast Hunter	161	117	1	5	13	79	19
NSW	Coffs Harbour	118	79			31	40	8
NSW	Central Western NSW	55	38		5	2	29	2
NSW	Eurobodalla	46	26			14	10	2
NSW	Fairfield/Liverpool	587	393	3	3	14	280	93
NSW	Far West NSW	28	26		1	4	19	2
NSW	Grafton	44	47		2	5	30	10
NSW	Gwydir Namoi	22	8			3	5	
NSW	Hastings	91	48		3	38	7	
NSW	Hume	17	11		2	7	2	
NSW	Hunter	61	27	2	6	10	7	2
NSW	Hawkesbury	38	19		2	6	9	2
NSW	Inner City/Eastern Suburbs Sydney	505	333	1	12	178	126	16
NSW	Inner West Sydney	407	302	1	6	102	163	30
NSW	Kempsey	85	54		1	38	14	1
NSW	Keepit	23	5		1	2	2	
NSW	Lower Hunter	397	260	4	15	126	88	27
NSW	Lower South Coast NSW	13	11			1	10	
NSW	Macarthur	161	119	2	6	5	91	15
NSW	Murray Darling	10	5			3	2	
NSW	North East NSW	53	53		3	38	8	4
NSW	Orana	29	22	1		12	7	2
NSW	Outer West Sydney	614	352	4	22	187	118	21
NSW	Oxley	4	5		1	3	1	
NSW	Patterson	151	108	1	3	22	73	9
NSW	Parkes	55	45	2		17	20	6
NSW	Queanbeyan	34	24		4	11	7	2
NSW	Richmond	169	123	3	9	7	90	14
NSW	Shoalhaven	136	100		1	38	54	7
NSW	North Shore Sydney	152	101	2	6	42	46	5
NSW	Snowy	3	1				1	
NSW	Southern Highlands NSW	30	17			7	8	2
NSW	Southern Suburbs NSW	99	72		1	20	49	2
NSW	Southern Tablelands NSW	60	36		3	16	15	2
NSW	St George/Sutherland	356	266		12	107	139	8
NSW	Sturt	28	23		3	5	14	1
NSW	Taree	84	52	1	1	6	36	8
NSW	Tweed	148	84	2		11	60	11

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NSW	Upper Hunter	28	10		2	4	3	1
NSW	Wollongong	637	449	2	9	138	271	29
NT	Alice Springs	69	21	7		3	11	
NT	Darwin	222	147	1	7	28	99	12
NT	Katherine	37	27		1	19	7	
NT	Tennant Creek	22	14		1	1	11	1
NT	Top End	44	56	1	6	13	35	1
QLD	Bundaberg	38	22		4	1	13	4
QLD	Cairns	267	203	1	7	94	91	10
QLD	Western Downs	38	14			8	6	
QLD	Emerald	12	7		1	1	5	
QLD	Fraser Coast	139	78		13	10	34	21
QLD	Gold Coast	681	347		17	172	136	22
QLD	Gladstone	42	30	1	2	6	18	3
QLD	Gympie	125	78		8	21	42	7
QLD	Ipswich	298	171		6	26	122	17
QLD	Logan	341	136	1		87	42	6
QLD	Mackay	32	24		1	2	18	3
QLD	Mt Isa	15	11		3	3	3	2
QLD	North Brisbane	256	171		5	68	88	10
QLD	Redcliffe Caboolture	367	210		5	23	175	7
QLD	Rockhampton	92	85	1	15	21	42	6
QLD	South East Brisbane	270	132			88	36	8
QLD	Sunshine Coast	216	144	2	9	19	101	13
QLD	South West Brisbane	136	47		4	20	19	4
QLD	Tablelands	21	16		1	12	3	
QLD	Townsville	156	123	1	7	28	67	20
QLD	Torres Strait	0	2				2	
QLD	Toowoomba	210	156		2	106	44	4
QLD	Warwick	54	26		6	5	13	2
SA	Southern Adelaide	35	27			5	19	3
SA	Adelaide Metropolitan	255	129		7	20	92	10
SA	Ceduna	6	0					
SA	Fleurieu/Kangaroo Island	35	23		1	6	14	2
SA	Gawler	52	16		1	5	10	
SA	Kadina	17	10		1		7	2
SA	Murraylands	23	20			2	17	1
SA	North Eastern Adelaide	92	42			5	33	4
SA	Northern Adelaide	161	100		3	3	88	6
SA	North Western Adelaide	103	64			6	52	6
SA	Port Augusta	2	2				2	
SA	Port Lincoln	7	2		1	1		
SA	Port Pirie	38	29			4	20	5
SA	Riverland	44	32			26	5	1
SA	Southern Adelaide Hills	0	0					
SA	South East SA	15	2		1		1	
SA	South West Adelaide	94	32		2	2	25	3
SA	Whyalla	11	1				1	

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TAS	Hobart	180	85			16	68	1
TAS	Launceston	174	113		2	51	56	4
TAS	West and North West Tasmania	42	44		2	4	36	2
VIC	Bendigo	81	37		6	25	4	2
VIC	East Gippsland	60	22	1	1	3	15	2
VIC	East Melbourne	324	212		3	170	32	7
VIC	Eureka	168	104	1	4	2	86	11
VIC	Geelong	173	73	1	2	28	35	7
VIC	Goulburn Valley	110	76		2	65	9	
VIC	Grampians	52	29			7	17	5
VIC	Hampden	52	25	1	1	21	2	
VIC	Inner East Melbourne	603	333		5	287	36	5
VIC	Kiewa	30	18		2	3	11	2
VIC	Mid Murray	27	20			1	17	2
VIC	North Melbourne	159	153	1	3	89	51	9
VIC	North West Melbourne	643	389		5	272	100	12
VIC	Ovens	44	28			10	17	1
VIC	Peninsula Melbourne	201	125			22	94	9
VIC	South East Melbourne	379	248	1	10	103	126	8
VIC	South Melbourne	410	266		3	167	95	1
VIC	Sunraysia	59	46		2	43	1	
VIC	South West Melbourne	218	117		4	26	81	6
VIC	Western District Victoria	33	17		6	2	8	1
VIC	West and South Gippsland	92	43	1	6	11	22	3
VIC	West Melbourne	191	93	1	1	9	76	6
WA	Dale	40	36		1	17	18	
WA	Esperance	25	14		1	1	12	
WA	Goldfields	41	19		1	18		
WA	Kwinana/Rockingham	83	68		3	23	39	3
WA	Lower Great Southern WA	22	18			6	11	1
WA	Midlands/Wheatbelt	29	14			10	3	1
WA	Central Perth	244	145		6	80	53	6
WA	East Metro Perth	223	136			132	3	1
WA	East Kimberley	0	1				1	
WA	East Pilbara	8	6	1		1	3	1
WA	Karratha	3	3			1	1	1
WA	Mid West and Gascoyne	18	7		2	2	3	
WA	North Metro Perth	170	109		7	71	31	
WA	South East Metro Perth	155	112			52	59	1
WA	South West WA	87	34		1	13	20	
WA	South West Metro Perth	70	33			2	31	
WA	West Kimberley	103	2				1	1
Total		18694	11506	62	421	4514	5661	848

Note: At the time the data on the waitlist was captured some participants did not have a priority level set (less than one per cent). These participants are identified in the first column under the PSP Priority Level for referral heading.

Definition of Priority Levels:

Priority One – Current participants who are to recommence in PSP, including those who have relocated. Less than four per cent of people on the waitlist at end December 2006 were Priority One.

Priority Two – People with high and urgent need for referral to PSP. Around 39 percent of people on the waitlist at end December 2006 were Priority Two.

Priority Three – People on allowances with activity test/participation requirements. Around 49 per cent of people on the waitlist at end December 2006 were Priority Three.

Priority Four – People on non-activity tested allowances, and other voluntary participants. Over seven per cent of people on the waitlist at end December 2006 were Priority Four.