

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

Outputs 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W037-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 126:

In relation to the reduction in income support payments of an estimated figure of \$18 million. What does the \$18 million comprise? How many people will not be seeking payment?

Answer:

The \$18.6 million reduction (over the three years from 2006-07) arises in the Mature Age measure from an estimated decline in expenditure on Newstart Allowance. By 2008-09, it is projected that around 850 people will no longer be receiving payment as a result of this measure.