

**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: W144-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Could you please provide the number of places available for (a) disability support pension recipients and (b) new applicants for income support with a disability on Newstart or other Allowances as a result of being assessed as able to work 15-30 hours + for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 for the following:

- Open Employment Services (excludes Business Services);
- Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service;
- Personal Support Programme;
- Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme;
- Job Network (including data for Intensive Support and Intensive Support Customised Assistance); and

Work for the Dole.

Answer:

- (a) Disability Support Pension recipients will retain their existing eligibility for capped places in Open Employment Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Personal Support Programme, and uncapped places for Job Network.

(b) Places are not earmarked for, or projected to be used by, specific customer groups. However, in funding places for new applicants for income support with a disability on Newstart or Youth Allowance as a result of being assessed as able to work 15-29 hours, the following number of places were estimated to meet demand:

Service:	Estimated Number of Places			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
Open Employment Services	5,980	2,803	2,803	11,586
Vocational Rehabilitation	8,970	4,205	4,205	17,379
Work for the Dole	135	373	345	853
Job Network	16,377	7,676	7,676	31,729

Notes: ¹ Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

The Personal Support Program provides assistance to people for up to two years and therefore the concept of annual places is not a meaningful measure. Over the period 2006-07 to 2008-09, the Welfare to Work package will provide additional funding to service a total of up to 30,000 extra participants (for all client groups) across those three years.

The Language, Literacy and Numeracy programme falls within the Education Science and Training portfolio.