

**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: W158-06**

**Question:**

Senator Wong provided in writing:

*Welfare to Work, increasing participation of mature aged:*

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the expenses for all components of this item in the Budget Statement (broken down into each employment or other program, and each income support payment) for each of the years from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

**Answer:**

(a) The estimated costs of changes to employment programmes administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of mature age measure are:

	Estimated Programme Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
<b>Mature age - Service:</b>				
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b>	0.790	0.582	0.419	1.791
<b>Open Employment Services</b>	1.582	2.908	2.123	6.613
<b>Personal Support Programme</b>	1.448	1.066	0.768	3.283
<b>Work for the Dole</b>	0.201	0.611	0.646	1.458
<b>Job Network</b>	16.494	20.025	17.099	53.618
<b>Job Network (Employment Preparation)</b>	1.637	1.542	1.382	4.561

Note: <sup>1</sup> Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> There are no administered costs for services in 2005-06.

The estimated changes to income support payments administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of mature age measure are:

	Estimated Payment Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
<b>Mature age – Income Support Payment:</b>				
<b>Newstart</b>	-3.754	-6.288	-8.591	-18.633

Note: <sup>1</sup> Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> There are no administered costs for income support payments in 2005-06.