

**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 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

**Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery**

**Output 1.2.4: Mutual Obligation initiatives**

**Question Number: W167-06**

**Question:**

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of job seekers who participated in Work for the Dole through 2004 according to:

- duration of unemployment (<1 year, 1-2 yrs, 2-3 yrs, 3 yrs plus)
- age and sex
- Indigenous, CALD and disability and sole parent status, including the number on DSP
- educational attainment
- state.

**Answer:**

Characteristics of job seekers who participated in Work for the Dole in 2004-05 financial year are:

**Duration on income support (years) prior to commencement in Work for the Dole**

<b>Duration</b>	<b>Commencement Count</b>
< 1 Yr	25,703
1 - 2 Yrs	11,430
2 - 3 Yrs	12,443
3 Yrs plus	30,401
Unknown*	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,106</b>

\* Indicates that a job seeker's registration start date is after their commencement date.

### Age and Gender at Work for the Dole commencement

Age Group at Commencement	Female Commencements	Male Commencements	Total Commencements
<21	5,479	6,807	12,286
21-39	12,398	37,205	49,603
40-49	4,834	11,476	16,310
50+	526	1,381	1,907
Total	23,237	56,869	80,106

### Equity group at Work for the Dole commencement

Indigenous	CALD	Disability	Sole Parents	Other	Total
4,680	9,967	6,041	1,522	57,896	80,106

Disability Support Pension - The number of job seekers in receipt of Disability Support Pension at the time they commenced in Work for the Dole during 2004-05 was 24.

### Educational Attainment

Information on educational attainment is not associated with the Work for the Dole commencement records and cannot be reported on at this stage.

### Work for the Dole commencements by State

State	Commencements
New South Wales	26,814
Victoria	18,644
Queensland	17,734
Western Australia	6,560
South Australia	6,573
Tasmania	2,581
Northern Territory	545
Australian Capital Territory	655
Total	80,106

*NOTE: All data contained in this answer is for the period 1 July 2004 – 24 June 2005.*