

**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

Outputs: 1.2.2 Employment Services

Question Number: W181-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

- (a) Please provide data as to the number and percentages of jobseekers who were eligible for Intensive Support Customised Assistance (ISCA) which were recorded as awaiting this assistance (“pending”) for (a) fewer than 28 days, (b) 28 days to 56 days, (c) 57 days or more for each month from October 2003 to June 2005.

Answer:

The number and percentages of job seekers eligible for but not yet commenced in Intensive Support Customised Assistance for the nominated periods for each month from October 2003 to June 2005, is shown at Table 1. The available data include job seekers who cannot be commenced for a time, for example, because of medical or other exemption from the activity test or because they are undertaking Job Network services on a voluntary basis and have chosen not to proceed into Intensive Support Customised Assistance when offered.

Table 1: ISCA Pending Trend Series October 2003 to 10 June 2005 Inclusive

Date	Pending < 28 days Category		Pending 28-56 days Category		Pending 57+ Days Category		Grand Total of ISCA Job Seekers including Pending
	No. of Pending ISCA Job Seekers	% of total monthly apm phase	No. of Pending ISCA Job Seekers	% of total monthly apm phase	No. of Pending ISCA Job Seekers	% of total monthly apm phase	
Oct 2003	23,164	13%	17,893	10%	25,449	14%	175,700
Nov 2003	23,185	13%	11,112	6%	24,789	14%	179,551
Dec 2003	26,619	14%	15,941	8%	25,616	14%	189,313
Jan 2004	35,690	18%	13,738	7%	26,284	13%	196,325
Feb 2004	31,028	16%	17,141	9%	25,846	14%	190,814
Mar 2004	24,961	14%	16,726	9%	28,677	16%	182,024
Apr 2004	15,387	9%	12,564	8%	32,845	20%	164,962
May 2004	21,667	13%	7,850	5%	32,010	19%	165,743
Jun 2004	21,179	13%	10,990	7%	28,854	18%	164,602
Jul 2004	26,982	16%	11,030	6%	29,255	17%	170,456
Aug 2004	24,494	14%	12,864	8%	30,078	18%	171,267
Sep 2004	26,861	15%	13,033	7%	31,202	18%	177,527
Oct 2004	27,233	14%	16,821	9%	33,174	17%	194,524
Nov 2004	23,210	12%	14,862	8%	35,989	18%	194,615
Dec 2004	28,705	14%	14,824	7%	39,971	20%	204,758
Jan 2005	27,671	13%	15,123	7%	41,962	20%	213,138
Feb 2005	29,298	14%	13,678	6%	41,966	19%	216,892
Mar 2005	26,466	12%	15,606	7%	41,960	19%	217,523
Apr 2005	25,362	12%	13,710	6%	44,733	21%	213,480
May 2005	25,777	12%	13,214	6%	42,898	20%	211,683
Jun 2005	25,734	12%	12,871	6%	42,506	20%	210,975

Note:

- The column in the above table called ‘Grand Total of ISCA Job Seekers including Pending’ represents all job seekers on the Active Case Load in the Intensive Support Customised Assistance phase.
- Data is measured at the end of each month, except for June 2005
- Data includes records for Job Seekers who are not able to be commenced for a time due to exemption, temporary medical incapacity
- Data includes job seekers participating voluntarily in the Job Network who chose not to proceed to Intensive Support Customised Assistance when they first become eligible but may be receiving other Job Network services.