

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.1: Working age policy**

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**Question Number: W003-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 12:

In relation to W693-06 - does the department undertake any demographical analysis or income support payment analysis of the projected participants. What is the basis for predicated estimates for participation?

**Answer:**

The Department did not conduct any demographical or income support payment analysis of job seekers projected to participate in full-time Work for the Dole. Eligibility is restricted to job seekers under 60 years of age on full rate of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) who have completed their second period of Intensive Support customised assistance in the Job Network and have demonstrated a pattern of work avoidance.

The number of full-time Work for the Dole places is capped at 16,500 each year as it is not possible to predict with certainty the number of job seekers who will enter the programme.