

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

**Output Group 1.1: Working age payments**

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**Question Number: W072-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Please provide the latest available data on numbers of recipients of the following payments: - nationally and by State/Territory, marital status, employment status (employed or jobless), age of youngest child (where indicated), and duration on payment (where indicated): Disability Support Pension (including number of current recipients who claimed after 10 May 2005); Parenting Payment Single (including by age of youngest child = under 8 years, 8 years or over); Parenting Payment Partnered (including by age of youngest child = under 6 years, 6 years or over); Newstart Allowance (including by duration on payment: under 12 months, 12-23 months, 24 months +); Youth Allowance (unemployed) (including by duration on payment: under 12 months, 12-23 months, 24 months +)

**Answer:**

The data provided is the number of recipients in receipt of the various payments as at 30 June 2006.

The 'Earnings indicator' is used as a proxy for determining whether a recipient was in work for the fortnight in the reference period. Standard business reporting rules have been applied. Duration (where provided) measures income support duration (including allowable breaks as determined in legislation) and not payment duration.

## Parenting Payment Single Recipients

STATE	Age of Youngest Child	Earnings Indicator	
		Yes	No
Overseas	8+	205	754
	U8	130	943
ACT	8+	962	923
	U8	904	1,777
NSW	8+	23,982	32,831
	U8	20,213	62,454
NT	8+	559	1,388
	U8	704	3,201
QLD	8+	18,691	19,426
	U8	16,713	39,532
SA	8+	7,151	7,760
	U8	5,515	14,115
TAS	8+	2,681	2,593
	U8	2,093	5,324
VIC	8+	19,731	22,674
	U8	14,343	39,854
WA	8+	8,935	8,803
	U8	7,124	17,689
Unknown		103	179
<b>National Total</b>	8+	82,897	97,152
	U8 (a)	67,842	185,068

(a) includes unknown

## Parenting Payment Partnered

STATE	Age of Youngest Child	Earnings Indicator	
		Yes	No
Overseas	6+	65	668
	U6	NA	1,000
ACT	6+	85	307
	U6	64	564
NSW	6+	3,376	17,784
	U6	2,528	30,490
NT	6+	60	839
	U6	98	2,396
QLD	6+	2,394	8,507
	U6	1,975	16,709
SA	6+	1,096	3,834
	U6	796	6,385
TAS	6+	498	1,590
	U6	375	2,818
VIC	6+	2,648	12,864
	U6	2,041	20,932
WA	6+	1,051	3,624
	U6	791	7,424
Unknown		<20	94
<b>National Total</b>	6+	11,273	50,017
	U6 (a)	8,712	88,812

(a) includes unknown

## Newstart Allowance

State	Duration Months	Partnered		Not-partnered	
		Earnings	No Earnings	Earnings	No Earnings
Overseas	< 1 Year	<20	78	<20	73
	1-2 Years	<20	74	<20	44
	2 + Years	24	186	11	118
ACT	< 1 Year	NA	179	NA	1,017
	1-2 Years	21	81	90	449
	2 + Years	62	205	262	1,450
NSW	< 1 Year	1,938	12,867	6,097	36,295
	1-2 Years	1,014	5,502	2,351	13,426
	2 + Years	3,176	15,286	7,202	46,076
NT	< 1 Year	30	687	175	1,461
	1-2 Years	NA	435	NA	617
	2 + Years	53	2,889	178	3,580
QLD	< 1 Year	1,655	7,152	4,751	20,386
	1-2 Years	707	2,862	1,577	6,660
	2 + Years	1,895	7,407	4,617	22,909
SA	< 1 Year	588	2,760	1,897	8,197
	1-2 Years	321	1,351	698	3,156
	2 + Years	1,069	3,768	2,441	12,194
TAS	< 1 Year	281	1,155	651	2,449
	1-2 Years	141	592	267	991
	2 + Years	581	2,088	1,211	5,262
VIC	< 1 Year	1,577	9,169	5,408	26,300
	1-2 Years	843	3,986	2,114	9,394
	2 + Years	2,418	10,389	6,688	32,981
WA	< 1 Year	466	2,643	1,634	8,113
	1-2 Years	248	1,096	591	2,745
	2 + Years	705	2,878	1,999	9,585
Unknown		<20	64	<20	142
<b>National Total</b>	< 1 Year	6,566	36,690	20,792	104,291
	1-2 Years	3,320	15,979	7,744	37,482
	2 + Years (a)	9,993	45,160	24,620	134,297

(a) includes unknown

### Youth Allowance (other)

STATE	Duration Months	Partnered		Not-partnered	
		Earnings	No Earnings	Earnings	No Earnings
Overseas	< 1 Year	<20	<20	<20	<20
	1-2 Years	<20	<20	<20	<20
	2 + Years	<20	<20	<20	<20
ACT	< 1 Year	<20	<20	46	NA
	1-2 Years	<20	<20	27	NA
	2 + Years	<20	<20	61	NA
NSW	< 1 Year	129	606	1,768	9,911
	1-2 Years	51	255	767	3,878
	2 + Years	95	496	1,533	6,202
NT	< 1 Year	<20	172	43	1,092
	1-2 Years	<20	138	<20	503
	2 + Years	<20	191	23	488
QLD	< 1 Year	142	543	1,528	6,327
	1-2 Years	43	236	685	2,191
	2 + Years	91	300	1,013	3,251
SA	< 1 Year	37	154	490	2,347
	1-2 Years	21	54	250	1,055
	2 + Years	39	123	551	1,738
TAS	< 1 Year	20	63	195	775
	1-2 Years	<20	27	91	443
	2 + Years	<20	70	239	873
VIC	< 1 Year	56	325	955	5,002
	1-2 Years	25	144	435	2,176
	2 + Years	59	262	1,369	4,124
WA	< 1 Year	32	212	428	2,637
	1-2 Years	<20	84	207	1,084
	2 + Years	<20	105	310	1,078
Unknown		<20	<20	<20	100
<b>National Total</b>	< 1 Year (a)	427	2,098	5,453	28,451
	1-2 Years	165	945	2,478	11,459
	2 + Years	327	1,554	5,102	17,915

(a) Includes unknown

## Disability Support Pension

STATE	Target Group	Partnered		Not-partnered	
		Earnings	No Earnings	Earnings	No Earnings
Overseas	Grandfathered	89	8,532	155	6,876
	Transition	<20	463	<20	407
ACT	Grandfathered	162	1,392	695	4,175
	Transition	<20	152	36	414
NSW	Grandfathered	4,406	64,932	14,113	124,034
	Transition	374	6,641	742	10,743
NT	Grandfathered	NA	1,298	308	3,714
	Transition	<20	236	<20	432
QLD	Grandfathered	3,103	40,111	8,022	73,269
	Transition	248	4,348	482	6,464
SA	Grandfathered	1,868	20,167	4,788	35,275
	Transition	160	2,072	251	2,894
TAS	Grandfathered	821	8,685	1,428	12,102
	Transition	45	714	79	924
VIC	Grandfathered	3,756	49,178	10,867	89,745
	Transition	323	5,207	631	8,127
WA	Grandfathered	1,714	17,050	5,234	30,257
	Transition	133	1,725	271	2,852
Unknown		<20	200	41	926
<b>National Total</b>	Grandfathered (a)	15,993	211,545	45,651	380,373
	Transition	1,308	21,558	2,520	33,257

(a) Includes unknown

Note: 'Grandfathered' recipients are those that were in receipt of DSP prior to 11 May 2005. 'Transition' recipients are those that were granted DSP with a date of effect of 11 May 2005 or later.

### Source:

Departmental administrative data, point in time as at 30 June 2006.

### Notes:

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