

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH 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: W078-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: How many grants of Newstart (incapacitated) were made over each of the past 12 months?

Answer: The following table presents the number of Newstart (incapacitated) grants made over each of the past 12 months. Please note that these are NOT counts of customers as any given customer could have more than one grant of an incapacity exemption in any given month. The figure for June 2006 may be revised as customers can still lodge medical certificates for periods in June subsequent to the data being extracted on 30 June 2006.

MONTH	NEWSTART ALLOWANCE (INCAPACITATED) GRANTS
July 2005	16,538
August 2005	18,432
September 2005	17,364
October 2005	17,572
November 2005	17,291
December 2005	14,225
January 2006	17,154
February 2006	17,021
March 2006	17,896
April 2006	13,629
May 2006	17,574
June 2006	11,070

Source: Departmental administrative data, as at 30 June 2006