

**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**

**Output 3.1.1: Working age policy and legislation**

**Question Number: W079-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

In relation to the return to work 'financial benefits test' for parents recently announced by the Minister Kevin Andrews, are Centrelink Debt repayments able to be disregarded, or will they be counted in the \$25 weekly benefit limit that would allow a parent to refuse a job offer?

**Answer:**

Centrelink Debt repayments will not be considered when calculating the financial suitability of a job for principal carer parents.