

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W081-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

According to the response to W722-06 and W723-06, 'qualification for the Disability Support Pension (DSP) does not have mutual obligations requirements'. Is this correct given that this was designed to encourage workforce participation of disabled workers through welfare to work? How does this work?

Answer:

DSP recipients do not have participation or mutual obligation requirements under Welfare to Work changes. DSP recipients will continue to be encouraged to engage with employment services and participate in the workforce to their capacity, but there are no requirements for them to do so.