

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

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
27 and 28 MAY 2007
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: W171-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 105:

Newstart Appropriation for 2007-08 – What is the monthly entry like in relation to principal carers being granted Newstart and for people with partial capacity to work?

Answer:

Grants of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) to principal carers and people with partial capacity to work (15-29 hours per week):

Date Range	Number of Grants	
	Principal Carers	Partial Capacity to Work (15-29 hours per week)
1 July 2006 – 28 July 2006	911	940
29 July 2006 – 25 August 2006	2,020	1,125
26 August 2006 – 22 September 2006	2,077	924
23 September 2006 – 20 October 2006	2,017	729
21 October 2006 – 17 November 2006	1,973	631
18 November 2006 – 15 December 2006	1,997	738
16 December 2006 – 12 January 2007	2,042	680
13 January 2007 – 9 February 2007	2,346	732
10 February 2007 – 9 March 2007	2,655	900
10 March 2007 – 30 March 2007*	1,710	689
Total (at 30 March 2007)	19,748	8,088

*Three weeks only.

Please note:

1. Data on grants of payments are collected on a weekly basis. Therefore, it is not possible to report monthly counts of the number of grants. In the table above, the numbers of grants over four-weekly periods since 1 July 2006 have been reported.
2. The total number of grants of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) with partial capacity to work (15-29 hours per week) up to 30 March 2007 reported in the table above is higher than that reported in *Hansard* page 104 (7,915). This is due to the later extraction date and the lag effect which occurs as a result of the time required to complete the Job Capacity Assessment (JCA) process. This lag effect is estimated to be up to three months. This data is likely now to reflect actual grants in the period to 30 March 2007.
3. The total number of grants of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for principal carers up to 30 March 2007 reported in the table above is higher than that reported in *Hansard* page 104 (19,200). The figure reported in *Hansard* is the total number of grants of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for principal carers up to 23 March 2007.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$40.