

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

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
28 and 29 MAY 2007  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Output Group 1.2:** **Labour market programme management and delivery**

**Output 1.2.2:**       **Employment Services**

**Question Number:**   **W232-08**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Bearing in mind the new clientele entering the Job Market from 1 July 2006 – given the new Welfare to Work changes, can DEWR provide a detailed breakdown of highly disadvantaged job seekers who received a wage subsidy in the following categories: a) All highly disadvantaged job seekers b) Single parents c) People with a disability d) mature aged e) VLTU f) Indigenous Australians

**Answer:**

From 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007, a total of 7 296 Highly Disadvantaged job seekers received a Job Seeker Account wage subsidy, of whom:

- (a) All were Highly Disadvantaged.
- (b) 1 291 were Single Parents
- (c) 1 493 were People with a Disability
- (d) 1 232 were Mature Age
- (e) 532 were Very Long Term Unemployed
- (f) 2 250 were Indigenous Australians

Individual job seekers may have more than one characteristic and may be represented in more than one category.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours at an estimated cost of \$80.

