

**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 Group1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery**

**Output 1.2.2: Employment Services**

**Question Number: W236-08**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Disability Employment Network Clients on Maintenance Funding. In the last two financial years DEN Capped has had a change to case based funding from block grant funding. Has this resulted in an altered number of workers for which DEN Capped services collect maintenance payments? Of the 38,000 current places in DEN Capped – how many positions are currently occupied by workers in maintenance? How many people have been exited year to date with an outcome of Independent worker or onto Intermittent Support?

**Answer:**

The number of workers in maintenance under case based funding and employed clients under block grant are not directly comparable.

At 31 March 2007, the number of active Capped DEN participants in maintenance was 13 830. In order to enter maintenance, each of these participants had previously achieved a case based funding 26-week employment outcome or achieved a block grant 13-week employment outcome and had the Disability Maintenance Instrument funding level assessment completed prior to 1 July 2005.

From 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007, 3151 DEN participants were exited as an Independent worker or onto Intermittent Support.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours at an estimated cost of \$80.40.