

**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 1.2.5:**       **Employment preparation services**

**Question Number:**   **W241-08**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Personal Support Programme. Please clarify who is on the PSP Waitlist – in terms of which category of highly disadvantaged job seeker could they fit into? a) All highly disadvantaged job seekers b) All disadvantaged job seekers with a mental illness c) Single parents d) People with a disability e) Mature aged f) VLTU g) Indigenous Australians.

**Answer:**

Category	Percentage of all people on the PSP wait list, end March 2007 *
(a) All Highly Disadvantaged job seekers	66%
(b) Disadvantaged job seekers with a mental illness (people on the waiting list identified as Highly Disadvantaged who have at least one mental health barrier to employment in their Job Capacity Assessment).	50%
(c) Single parents #	3%
(d) People with a disability #	7%
(e) Mature Aged (50+)	16%
(f) VLTU (unemployed for 2 years or more )	47%
(g) Indigenous Australians	9%

\* The percentages are not mutually exclusive. A person may be counted in more than one category.

# The number of people who were on Parenting Payment Single or the Disability Support Pension has been used to estimate the percentage of Single Parents and People with a Disability waiting for referral to PSP.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 and a half hours at an estimated cost of \$50.00.