

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W260-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

What is meant by the term ‘emergency accommodation or refuge’? For example, does this only refer to crisis accommodation services under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program?

Answer:

These terms are not intended to have a limited technical meaning but are intended to guide delegates in exercising their discretion in determining whether or not a job seeker had a reasonable excuse for failing to meet their requirements. As indicated in the Explanatory Statement for the instrument, the inclusion of this subsection recognises that a person’s instability of accommodation and circumstances may make it difficult for them to meet their activity test obligations. In this context, the terms “emergency accommodation or refuge” are intended to include any form of accommodation that could reasonably be described as such.

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