

**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**

**Output 3.1.1: Working age policy and legislation**

**Question Number: W273-08**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

What instructions has DEWR or the Minister given on eligibility by this group (pregnant women) for FCM? Could we have a copy of any advice?

**Answer:**

Centrelink, with DEWR's agreement, provided the following instruction to its National Participation Solutions Team, which is responsible for assessing eligibility for Financial Case management:

A job seeker may be considered eligible for financial case management if the job seeker is pregnant AND within their 6 week confinement period. Any claim of this nature should be supported by an accompanying doctor's report or a hospital card identifying the expected date of delivery.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately half an hour at an estimated cost of \$10.