

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW012_09

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Data on Parenting Payment.

Please provide the data for the numbers of Parenting Payment recipients by age of youngest child, family status (PPS and PPP) and employment status (employment or not employed), by State?

Answer

Data are provided on Parenting Payment recipients by State and payment type with respect to age of youngest child and employment status.

Data in the following tables are drawn from departmental administrative data as at 28 March 2008.

a) Employment Status

A person's employment status is determined by the presence of declared earnings in the previous fortnight. Tables 1 and 2 show the employment status by State of Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single recipients respectively.

Table 1: Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by employment status by State at 28 March 2008

Employment Status	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Unemployed	638	39,770	3,024	19,042	8,059	3,470	26,799	7,943	937
Employed	151	6,020	184	4,094	1,831	882	4,991	1,536	50

Table 2: Parenting Payment Single recipients by employment status by State at 28 March 2008

Employment Status	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Unemployed	2,114	78,695	3,783	44,820	17,536	6,414	50,405	20,022	1,012
Employed	1,572	41,487	1,166	33,490	11,804	4,350	32,800	14,767	228

b) Age of Youngest Child

Tables 3 and 4 show Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single recipients by age of youngest child by State.

Table 3: Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by age of youngest child by State at 28 March 2008

Age of Youngest Child	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Years									
0	178	9,256	669	5,824	2,024	1,008	6,049	2,221	178
1	165	8,104	643	4,445	1,863	785	5,649	1,867	199
2	115	5,844	435	3,104	1,205	572	4,111	1,261	137
3	63	4,274	341	2,058	874	399	2,965	871	98
4	69	3,620	305	1,784	750	306	2,559	702	83
5	41	3,040	221	1,483	667	270	2,181	638	65
6	23	1,798	135	762	405	154	1,265	310	34
7	<20	1,502	92	551	301	132	1,002	240	33
8	21	1,248	71	456	265	109	903	205	22
9	<20	1,195	59	439	243	108	838	191	<20
10	<20	1,093	54	412	224	101	812	184	21
11	<20	1,095	52	390	255	96	767	172	<20
12	<20	1,017	32	371	238	80	741	171	23
13	<20	982	51	371	221	80	699	145	<20
14	<20	903	26	358	186	82	670	156	21
15	<20	808	22	322	166	67	575	145	<20
Unknown	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20

Table 4: Parenting Payment Single recipients by age of youngest child by State 28 March 2008

Age of Youngest Child	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Years									
0	361	12,033	611	8,108	2,533	1,092	7,097	3,458	113
1	397	12,838	639	8,599	2,828	1,156	8,002	3,799	137
2	364	11,422	560	7,642	2,581	1,028	7,100	3,354	99
3	311	9,586	453	6,471	2,365	815	6,399	2,793	93
4	292	9,180	432	6,065	2,268	801	6,336	2,660	104
5	262	8,481	426	5,590	2,110	773	6,056	2,531	75
6	244	8,062	361	5,389	2,056	676	5,697	2,318	82
7	227	7,151	271	4,727	1,846	664	5,067	2,077	80
8	193	5,763	176	3,474	1,481	536	4,187	1,712	65
9	146	5,550	152	3,448	1,424	492	4,215	1,656	55
10	159	5,430	169	3,417	1,368	477	4,006	1,518	59
11	162	5,210	152	3,250	1,394	488	4,065	1,544	54
12	141	5,155	146	3,272	1,342	458	3,971	1,450	54
13	158	5,000	148	3,148	1,326	445	3,802	1,371	55
14	139	4,821	129	2,900	1,206	469	3,679	1,349	57
15	130	4,452	120	2,765	1,196	389	3,482	1,203	57
Unknown	<20	48	<20	45	<20	<20	44	<20	<20