

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            **8**

**DEEWR Question No. EW548\_09**

Senator Watson asked on 2 June 2008, DEEWR Hansard page 21.

**Question**

How many people are going to be affected? (referring to the abolition of the Employment Entry Payment).

**Answer**

All income support recipients on qualifying payments were potentially eligible for the Employment Entry Payment if they commenced or increased their employment. This makes estimating the number of people affected difficult.

Employment services have capacity to defray some of the costs incurred by job seekers transitioning to work. This capacity will be enhanced under the new employment services model to be introduced from 1 July 2009 when employment service providers will be able to use the Employment Pathways Fund.