

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome/Agency 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0018_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Income support duration and employment status of Parenting Payment recipients

The number of Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by duration on payments, employment status, with state and national breakdowns.

Answer

Tables 1 and 2 show Parenting Payment Single and Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by income support duration at 29 May 2009, by State and nationally. Income support duration includes periods on other types of income support.

Tables 3 and 4 show Parenting Payment Single and Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by employment status at 29 May 2009, by State and nationally. Recipients who declared earnings in the most recent fortnight are reported as "Employed".

Table 1: Income Support Duration of Parenting Payment Single recipients, by State (Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)

Income Support Duration	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<1 year	423	11,230	479	9,855	2,506	967	7,532	4,510	64	37,566
1 to <2 years	352	9,786	456	7,572	2,242	809	6,634	3,560	84	31,495
2 to <5 years	812	27,454	1,045	18,406	6,728	2,335	18,943	8,055	193	83,971
5 years or more	1,822	64,563	2,487	38,928	15,807	5,863	45,183	16,853	333	191,839

**Table 2: Income Support Duration of Parenting Payment Partnered recipients, by State
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Income Support Duration	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<1 year	205	9,621	333	7,445	2,134	854	7,047	2,709	113	30,461
1 to <2 years	104	5,353	308	3,161	1,177	489	3,867	1,281	75	15,815
2 to <5 years	210	11,530	738	5,603	2,462	987	8,148	2,243	185	32,106
5 years or more	240	18,654	1,767	8,071	3,896	1,840	12,414	3,371	259	50,512

**Table 3: Employment Status of Parenting Payment Single recipients, by State
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Employment Status	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Not employed	2,039	75,139	3,436	46,224	16,660	6,067	48,063	20,514	455	218,597
Employed	1,370	37,894	1,031	28,537	10,623	3,907	30,229	12,464	219	126,274

**Table 4: Employment Status of Parenting Payment Partnered recipients, by State
(Centrelink Administrative Data – point in time at 29 May 2009)**

Employment Status	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
Not employed	645	39,605	2,958	20,730	8,030	3,413	26,800	8,337	564	111,082
Employed	114	5,553	188	3,550	1,639	757	4,676	1,267	68	17,812