

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

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

**Outcome/Agency**      **4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0027\_10**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

**Question**

*Claims for Parenting Payment*

The numbers of new claims for Parenting Payment (Single and Partnered) for each of the last 3 months compared with the same periods 12 months previously, and the numbers of claims granted, with state and national breakdowns.

**Answer**

Tables 1 and 2 show the numbers of claims for Parenting Payment Single and Parenting Payment Partnered received and granted in the months of March, April and May 2009 compared to March, April and May 2008, by State and nationally.

**Table 1: Parenting Payment Single claims (Centrelink Administrative Data)**

Number of claims	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>March 2008</b>										
Total	98	3,125	248	2,716	622	262	1,887	1,178	20	10,156
Granted	51	1,658	112	1,439	360	130	989	642	11	5,392
<b>April 2008</b>										
Total	95	3,338	259	2,659	796	315	2,156	1,248	23	10,889
Granted	51	1,841	118	1,423	426	188	1,103	669	14	5,833
<b>May 2008</b>										
Total	126	3,328	250	2,603	780	296	2,243	1,294	18	10,938
Granted	67	1,805	102	1,394	454	174	1,205	698	7	5,906
<b>March 2009</b>										
Total	131	3,561	264	3,187	794	304	2,404	1,333	15	11,993
Granted	56	1,808	99	1,680	425	148	1,182	690	10	6,098
<b>April 2009</b>										
Total	109	3,380	227	2,949	751	315	2,469	1,206	22	11,428
Granted	61	1,770	78	1,538	413	163	1,171	644	13	5,851
<b>May 2009</b>										
Total	107	3,336	264	2,893	751	291	2,454	1,287	21	11,404
Granted	61	1,761	123	1,475	442	149	1,239	684	8	5,942

**Table 2: Parenting Payment Partnered claims (Centrelink Administrative Data)**

Number of claims	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
<b>March 2008</b>										
Total	68	2,725	322	2,018	649	263	1,810	738	13	8,606
Granted	31	1,261	93	863	300	118	834	343	2	3,845
<b>April 2008</b>										
Total	71	3,050	280	2,048	780	292	1,996	775	22	9,314
Granted	34	1,395	95	904	379	157	938	350	7	4,259
<b>May 2008</b>										
Total	78	3,020	248	1,833	739	267	2,107	827	14	9,133
Granted	32	1,416	84	843	356	147	1,013	371	4	4,266
<b>March 2009</b>										
Total	73	4,062	257	3,328	829	377	2,867	1,145	12	12,950
Granted	34	1,834	72	1,588	395	187	1,294	542	2	5,948
<b>April 2009</b>										
Total	83	3,774	279	2,990	774	352	2,830	1,090	15	12,187
Granted	34	1,758	95	1,441	374	180	1,267	537	6	5,692
<b>May 2009</b>										
Total	77	3,834	242	2,876	866	263	2,863	1,187	3	12,211
Granted	36	1,772	85	1,378	433	136	1,293	601	2	5,736