

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

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**Senator Corrmann asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 20.**

**Question**

**JOB SEEKERS WITH EXEMPTIONS FROM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS  
2007, 2008, 2009,2010**

Senator CORMANN—Going back to the number of exemptions, how many job seekers actually have formal exemptions from mutual obligation? Ms Parker—Is that the exemptions from participating? Senator CORMANN—Yes, that is right, exemptions from participation requirements. Ms Parker—To end of March, 69,177. Senator CORMANN—Again you might have them there: could you give us the same numbers for the last three years? Take it on notice. Ms Parker—We will take it on notice, I am not sure.

**Answer**

The number of recipients on Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Parenting Payment, who were exempt from activity test participation requirements due to, for example, reasons such as major personal crisis, ill health, caring responsibilities, expectant mother or jury duty.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
March 2007	60,096
March 2008	67,214
March 2009	74,464
March 2010	64,793