

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working age payments

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Question Number: W489-06

Question:

Senator Wong requested in writing: Can we have the number of grants for Youth Allowance (incapacitated) and Newstart Allowance (incapacitated i.e. granted an activity test exemption) for the year 2004-05?

Answer:

The numbers of periods of incapacity exemption granted in 2004-05 were:

- 320,427 periods for 201,789 Newstart Allowees; and
- 36,953 periods for 26,411 Youth Allowance (other) recipients.

The number of periods is considerably greater than the number of recipients granted an exemption because some recipients were granted an incapacity exemption more than once.