

**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 1.2: **Labour market programme management and delivery**

Output 1.2.4: **Mutual obligation initiatives**

Question Number: **W498-06**

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Can we have numbers for 2003-04 and 2004-05 of recipients who face a preclusion period for moving to areas of lower employment prospects, and could we have this data broken down by state and territory? Of these, how many had dependent children?

Answer:

In the period 2003-2004, 1006 MALEP (moving to an area of lower employment prospects) penalties were imposed on job seekers in receipt of an unemployment allowance. Of these, 26 related to job seekers who had dependent children.

In the period 2004-2005, 691 MALEP penalties were imposed on job seekers in receipt of an unemployment allowance. Of these, six related to job seekers who had dependent children.

A breakdown of this data by State and Territory is below.

	2003-2004		2004-2005	
STATE	No. of MALEP penalties	No. of dependent children	No. of MALEP penalties	No. of dependent children
ACT	3		1	
NSW	240	7	152	2
NT	10		10	
QLD	433	16	323	3
SA	96		72	
TAS	54	1	22	1
VIC	69		50	
WA	100	2	60	
Unknown	1		1	
TOTAL	1006	26	691	6

Please note: These data reflect the number of imposed MALEP penalties and do not take account of penalties that may have been waived following the job seeker's return to the original address. They also do not take account of a move to another address that did not result in lowering their employment prospects, or the MALEP penalty decision being revoked following an appeal by the job seeker at a later date.