

**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 management and delivery

Output 1.2.4: Mutual obligation initiatives

Question Number: W499-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Over the last financial year, how many of those receiving Newstart Allowance who were given an activity test breach for "recklessly or knowingly" failing to declare their income were also prosecuted by the Director of Public Prosecutions for Social Security fraud?

Answer:

Over the last financial year, 25 job seekers who were given an activity test breach for failing to declare their income (earnings breaches) were subsequently prosecuted for Social Security fraud by the Director of Public Prosecutions.