

**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**

**OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE**

**Question Number: W565-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

How many apprentices/trainees are on AWAs? What age are these apprentices/trainees?

**Answer:**

The OEA measure of AWA coverage is an estimate of number of AWAs currently in operation. This estimate is arrived at by using the number of AWAs approved over the last 3 years.

Total AWAs approved for apprentice/trainees in the last 3 years (Nov 2002 - Oct 2005). The last column is a percentage of the total number of AWAs approved during that time period.

<b>Year</b>	<b>AWAs Approved</b>	<b>% of total AWAs Approved</b>
November 2002 - October 2003	5,947	5
November 2003 - October 2004	8,312	5
November 2004 - October 2005	10,416	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,675</b>	<b>5</b>

Total number of AWAs approved for apprentice/trainees in the last 3 years (Nov 2002 - Oct 2005) by age.

<b>Year</b>	<b>AWAs Approved Under 21</b>	<b>AWAs Approved 21 years+</b>	<b>Total Approved</b>
November 2002 - October 2003	2,110	3,837	5,947
November 2003 - October 2004	2,076	6,236	8,312
November 2004 - October 2005	4,023	6,393	10,416
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>16,466</b>	<b>24,675</b>

A percentage distribution of AWAs approved for apprentices/trainees in the last 3 years (Nov 2002- Oct 2005) by Age.

<b>Year</b>	<b>AWAs Approved Under 21 %</b>	<b>AWAs Approved 21 years+ %</b>
November 2002 - October 2003	35	65
November 2003 - October 2004	25	75
November 2004 - October 2005	39	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>67</b>