

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1 Working age policy

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Question Number: W662-06

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

The Minister recently announced that the proposed Welfare to Work provisions would be altered to reduce the compliance regime for welfare recipients such as single mothers living in rural and regional areas.

- (a) Has there been consideration of the likely budgetary implications of this change?
- (b) Is this likely to function as an incentive for welfare recipients such as single mothers, people with disabilities or mature aged people to move to rural areas?
- (c) If so, has there been consideration of the increased costs of the delivery of services in rural areas? Has there been consideration of the reduced likelihood of these people finding employment in rural areas?
- (d) How does this impact upon your projections?

Answer:

No announcement has been made with regard to an altered compliance regime for welfare recipients such as single mothers living in rural and regional areas.