

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

**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 1.2.2: Employment Services**

**Question Number: W1005-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong gave the following question on notice:

**Newstart Data** For how many of these participation reports did Centrelink determine that (a) The person had a reasonable excuse for not meeting participation requirements? (b) That the offer of employment fell within the definition of unsuitable work?

**Answer:**

(a) Between 1 July and 17 November 2006 the following numbers of participation reports for people with partial work capacity and principal carers were rejected:

Target Group	Number of PRs	Rejected - reasonable excuse
Person with a partial work capacity	556	270
NSA Principal carer	159	51

(b) Of the total number of rejected PRs as above, there were no PRs rejected for declining suitable employment in either target group.

Data source: Centrelink Administrative System