

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working age payments

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Question Number: W1006-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Newstart Data. Please provide the number on NSA & YA (other) for 0-1yr, 1-2yrs, 2-3 yrs, 4-5yrs & 5yrs+ as at Jan 2005, June 2005, Jan 2006 and June 2006 and Jan 2007 male & female & persons, also mean and median duration (weeks), as per Table 31 at pg 43 in statistical paper No. 3 at the following link: www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/research/stps-nav.htm

Answer:

The answer to Senator Wong's question is in the tables below. Data for January 2007 cannot be provided.

January 2005	Male		Female		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	152,317	41.7	81,857	39.3	234,174	40.8
1 to < 2 years	57,193	15.7	32,516	15.6	89,709	15.6
2 to < 3 years	36,395	10.0	21,137	10.2	57,532	10.0
3 to < 4 years	26,262	7.2	15,957	7.7	42,219	7.4
4 to < 5 years	18,823	5.2	10,778	5.2	29,601	5.2
5 years and over	74,228	20.3	45,964	22.1	120,192	21.0
Mean duration (weeks)	149.3	-	163.7	-	154.6	-
Median duration (weeks)	77.7	-	86.0	-	80.3	-

June 2005	Male		Female		Total	
Duration	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	142,870	42.4	74,320	38.9	217,190	41.1
1 to < 2 years	50,630	15.0	29,347	15.4	79,977	15.1
2 to < 3 years	33,361	9.9	19,055	10.0	52,416	9.9
3 to < 4 years	22,693	6.7	13,536	7.1	36,229	6.9
4 to < 5 years	17,756	5.3	10,040	5.3	27,796	5.3
5 years and over	69,909	20.7	44,574	23.4	114,483	21.7
Mean duration (weeks)	151.9	-	171.3	-	158.9	-
Median Duration (weeks)	74.7	-	85.9	-	78.9	-

January 2006	Male		Female		Total	
Duration	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	143,779	42.2	75,311	37.7	219,090	40.5
1 to < 2 years	53,510	15.7	32,589	16.3	86,099	15.9
2 to < 3 years	34,055	10.0	20,879	10.5	54,934	10.2
3 to < 4 years	22,469	6.6	13,462	6.7	35,931	6.6
4 to < 5 years	17,211	5.1	10,595	5.3	27,806	5.1
5 years and over	69,766	20.5	46,777	23.4	116,543	21.6
Mean duration (weeks)	152.4	-	175.1	-	160.9	-
Median Duration (weeks)	74.7	-	90.1	-	79.9	-

June 2006	Male		Female		Total	
Duration	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	138,680	42.9	69,126	37.4	207,806	40.9
1 to < 2 years	49,853	15.4	28,634	15.5	78,487	15.5
2 to < 3 years	30,491	9.4	19,375	10.5	49,866	9.8
3 to < 4 years	21,262	6.6	12,342	6.7	33,604	6.6
4 to < 5 years	15,522	4.8	9,178	5.0	24,700	4.9
5 years and over	67,304	20.8	46,021	24.9	113,325	22.3
Mean duration (weeks)	154.0	-	183.6	-	164.7	-
Median Duration (weeks)	72.1	-	91.9	-	79.3	-

Sourced from Centrelink's SuperStar database 'Newstart Population 2005 01 (Jan) (21-01-05) Ver-01, 2005 06 (Jun) (17-06-05) Ver-01, 2006 01 (Jan) (20-01-06) Ver-01 and 2006 06 (Jan) (16-06-06)'.

These figures are current recipients only.

These figures do not include people who received a nil rate of payment.

These figures do not include people participating in a Community Development Employment Program.

Duration is measured from the income support start date which may include receipt of a payment other than NSA or YA(o).

Youth Allowance (other) figures were derived using a methodology consistent with what was used in the Statistical Overview 2004 and are not directly comparable with other published data.