

**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: W1009-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Employment Entry Payment. How many claims have been made in each of the past three years at each rate and what is the total cost? How does that compare in each year with budget estimates (at each rate)?

Answer:

A separate claim for Employment Entry Payment (EEP) is not required.

EEP payments are not appropriated separately; they are reported against administered dollars for income support payments. The number of EEP payments made for the past three financial years were:

2003-04: 85,280

2004-05: 119,107

2005-06: 116,231

Separate Budget estimates are not prepared for EEP payments. It is therefore not possible to compare actual outcomes with budget estimates.