

**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 1.2: Labour Market Programme Management and Delivery

Output 1.2.4: Mutual Obligation initiatives

Question Number: W1052-07

Question:

Senator Wong gave the following question on notice:

Compliance: for participation failures that resulted in a suspension of payment for 8 weeks, how many participation failures were a result of (a) three participation failures in 12 months? (b) someone becoming unemployed voluntarily? (c) dismissal due to misconduct? (d) refusal to accept a suitable job offer? (e) failure to commence, complete or participate in, or comply with the conditions of, an approved programme of work?

Answer:

From 1 July 2006 to 17 November 2006 3,765 job seekers had an 8 week non payment period applied by Centrelink as a result of a serious failure or repeated participation failure.

Compliance data for the first quarter of this financial year will be available on the department's website:

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Category/ResearchStats/PublicBreachData.htm> in the first week of February, 2007 including the number of serious failures and repeated participation failures.