

**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: W947-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Utilities Allowance. How many people received the UA in the last financial year?

Answer:

Utilities Allowance (UA) for recipients aged under age pension age, that is 65 years for men and 63 years for women, is administered by DEWR. It is paid to recipients of Mature Age Allowance (MAA), Partner Allowance (PA) and Widow Allowance (WA). The total number of DEWR income support recipients who received the one off payment of UA was 108,563. This consists of 12,038 MAA recipients; 57,178 PA recipients and 39,347 WA recipients.