

**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 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W971-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Since 1 July 2006, of those people who have had an 8 week non payment period imposed (a) How many people have been assessed as eligible for financial case management? (b) How many people have been assessed as ineligible?

Answer:

Centrelink advised that from 1 July to 17 November 2006, 3765 job seekers have received an 8 week non-payment period. Of this number, 221* job seekers have been assessed as eligible for Financial Case Management. The number of people assessed as ineligible is 3544.

*This figure does not include job seekers who are eligible for FCM, but are appealing the decision to apply a failure. This is because these job seekers will generally continue to receive payment pending the outcome of their appeal and do not need FCM.