

**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 W998-07

Question: Senator Wong asked in writing:

Please update the information provided in Questions W016-06 and W017-06. That is, please provide revised estimates and actual numbers of numbers of people with a disability who would have been on DSP instead are and will be on Newstart.

Answer:

The response to W976-07 provides estimates of the number who would have been on DSP but instead will be on Newstart.

It is not possible to identify exactly how many would have been on DSP but are now on Newstart. This is because eligibility for DSP is dependent on a range of factors such as the impairment score and the permanent nature of the condition and residency as well as the Job Capacity Assessment. The person must also make a claim for DSP before being granted this pension.

It is possible to provide, for those who have made a new claim since 1 July 2006, the number assessed as having a partial work capacity of 15-29 hours and granted Newstart. As at 17 November 2006 there were 3 251 people in this category.

Note: W017-06 refers to parents - see W999-07.