

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Human Services Portfolio

Department/Agency: Centrelink

Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1/Output Group 1.1

Topic: Newstart

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: HS25

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 April 2009

Question:

HS25: How many people have been moved from CDEP to Newstart?

Answer:

HS25: The Centrelink system was enhanced to pay the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Participant Supplement in March 2001. Centrelink data sources do not track individual customers, so it cannot be readily determined how many recipients of the CDEP Participant Supplement since March 2001 were subsequently granted Newstart Allowance.

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