

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Budget Estimates 2007-08 - May 2007

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Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Department of Human Services – Job Capacity Assessments

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SENATOR WONG asked on 24/05/2007:

Mr Dolan—The figure is slightly lower in the out years. I think that there was an assumption of an initial burst of some assessments in the first couple of years and then they would come down based on the estimates that I have given you of expenditure for job capacity assessment. There is not a huge difference in figures.

Senator WONG—Perhaps on notice you can just confirm what variation there might be. Do I assume then that there is an assumed average unit cost per assessment?

Answer:

The following table shows the number of Job Capacity Assessments estimated to be completed from 2006-07 to 2008-09.

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
372,900	371,000	348,300

Estimates are based on the 2005-06 Budget and additional funding in the 2007-08 Budget. The higher number of Job Capacity Assessments in 2006-07 and 2007-08 is due to the impact of Welfare to Work reforms for transition groups of Disability Support Pension recipients from 1 July 2006, lifting of Remote Area Exemptions from 1 July 2006 and Grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients from 1 July 2007.