

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: HS55

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Topic: Centrelink – Referrals to Job Network

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

1. How many Centrelink clients that are not activity tested have been referred to the job network?
2. How many of these are receiving a) disability support pension b) parenting payment partnered (PPP) c) parenting payment single (PPS)?
3. What are the results in terms of how many people have then gone on to get a job that where on a) DSP b) PPP c) PPS?
4. Why are there so many PPS recipients being referred to job network as compared to the other two categories of recipients?

Answer:

1. Number of non activity tested customers referred to the Job network are:

2004 – 2005	July 2005 – December 2005	Total
95,116	53,203	148,319

2. (a) Number of non-activity tested customers referred to the Job Network in receipt of Disability Support Pension are:

2004 – 2005	July 2005 – December 2005	Total
10,539	4,739	15,278

- b) Number of non-activity tested customers referred to the Job Network in receipt of Parenting Payment Partnered are:

2004 – 2005	July 2005 – December 2005	Total
17,630	11,000	28,630

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c) Number of non-activity tested customers referred to the Job Network in receipt of Parenting Payment Single are:

2004 – 2005	July 2005 – December 2005	Total
66,947	37,463	104,410

3. From data provided by DEWR the numbers of Centrelink clients that are not activity tested and were referred to the Job Network, who have gone on to get a job are:

	2004 – 2005	July 2005 – December 2005	Total
(a) Disability Support Pension	8,575	5,704	14,279
(b) Parenting Payment Partnered	4,543	3,783	8,326
(c) Parenting Payment Single	23,296	19,591	42,887

4. There are more Parenting Payment Single customers than Parenting Payment Partnered. Additionally Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single customers were contacted for referral to the Job Network via an outbound call campaign, where as Disability Support Pension customers were not.

To prepare this question, it has taken 59 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$2,445.