

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Question: HS8

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Topic: Centrelink – Percentage of Parenting Payment recipients gaining some form of income.

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

Senator Wong - My recollection is that around 40 or 45 per cent of parenting payment recipients are gaining some form of income. Is that right? I could be wrong on that.

Mr Whalan - We will just check that figure. It is a significant number.

Answer:

Twelve percent of the total customers in receipt of Parenting Payment Partnered income support and 32 percent of total customers in receipt of Parenting Payment Single income support are earning income from employment.