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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Wong - Perhaps on notice you can confirm those figures. As for the 1 March to 21 October period, why did you use that specific time frame, Mr Whalan?

Mr Whalan—They are just figures that we had in front of us.

Senator WONG—This voluntary engagement—or whatever this particular strategy is called—commenced in November last year?

Mr Whalan—Correct.

Senator WONG—I would like pre and post that period—the figures that Ms Scott is referring to. I would like to be able to compare the 12 months prior to November and the 12 months subsequent in terms of numbers of people engaging and the numbers of people moving into work in the two categories of disability support pensioners and parenting payment recipients. I am happy for that to be on notice if that is accessible.

Answer

From November 2003 to 31 October 2004 the total number of customers referred to the Job Network is as follows:

Parenting Payment Partnered customers in receipt of income support	9,365
Parenting Payment Single customers in receipt of income support	30,556
Disability Support Pension customers	8,567

From November 2004 to 31 October 2005 the total number of customers referred to the Job Network is as follows:

Parenting Payment Partnered customers in receipt of income support	20,745
Parenting Payment Single customers in receipt of income support	80,557
Disability Support Pension customers	11,151

The question regarding the number of people moving into work is more appropriately asked of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.