

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

## SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Community Development Employment Project (CDEP)

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**Senator:** Boyce

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#### **Question:**

How many previous Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) recipients are now receiving unemployment benefits after changes to CDEP policy since the last federal election?

#### **Answer:**

Implementation of the CDEP Reforms commenced 1 July 2009. Centrelink was required to transition CDEP participants in regional and rural locations off CDEP and, where eligible, onto Income Support payments.

**Table A** - Identifies CDEP participants who were exited from regional and rural CDEP providers in June 2009 and transferred to Job seeker payments as at 2 October 2009.

<b>Payment type</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Newstart Allowance	1395
Youth Allowance	380
Parenting Payment Partnered*	78
Parenting Payment Single*	226

\*These payments have been included as some of these customers have participation requirements.

**Table B** - Identifies 'grandfathered' CDEP participants who have exited remote CDEP providers since 1 July 2009 and transferred to Job seeker payments as at 23 October 2009.

<b>Payment type</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Newstart Allowance	956
Youth Allowance	206
Parenting Payment Partnered*	150
Parenting Payment Single*	177

\*These payments have been included as some of these customers have participation requirements.