

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 7

DEEWR Question No. EW137_08

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Data on Parenting Payment, Disability Support Pension, Newstart and Youth Allowance

Please provide the data for the numbers of Parenting Payment recipients by age of youngest child, family status (PPS or PPP) and employment status (employment or not employed), by State?

Answer

Data are provided on Parenting Payment recipients by State and payment type with respect to age of youngest child and employment status.

Data in the following tables are drawn from departmental administrative data as at 29 February 2008.

a) Employment Status

A person's employment status is determined by the presence of declared earnings in the previous fortnight. Tables 1 and 2 show the employment status by State of Parenting Payment Partnered and parenting Payment Single recipients respectively.

Table 1: Parenting Payment Partnered recipients by employment status by State at 29 February 2008

Employment Status	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Unemployed	642	40,109	3,026	19,364	8,209	3,541	27,163	8,131	880
Employed	158	6,085	163	4,065	1,822	868	5,047	1,509	41

Table 2: Parenting Payment Single recipients by employment status by State at 29 February 2008

Employment Status	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Unemployed	2,152	78,713	3,845	45,386	17,740	6,465	50,420	20,242	1,067
Employed	1,590	42,240	1,122	33,565	11,821	4,420	33,429	14,685	171

**Table 4: Parenting Payment Single recipients by age of youngest child by State
29 February 2008**

Age of Youngest Child	STATE								
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown
Years									
0	384	12,207	602	8,109	2,550	1,087	7,194	3,465	140
1	395	12,713	630	8,614	2,845	1,155	7,897	3,765	141
2	362	11,352	565	7,608	2,580	1,023	7,104	3,297	117
3	308	9,597	454	6,435	2,363	837	6,408	2,794	116
4	301	9,139	434	6,052	2,278	795	6,341	2,645	107
5	267	8,591	433	5,684	2,112	792	6,138	2,567	61
6	227	8,066	350	5,420	2,062	688	5,700	2,314	64
7	237	7,252	277	4,760	1,850	680	5,067	2,069	91
8	189	5,881	175	3,543	1,493	544	4,264	1,759	52
9	156	5,609	166	3,565	1,459	490	4,247	1,708	50
10	171	5,535	168	3,465	1,381	492	4,121	1,534	47
11	158	5,294	151	3,346	1,398	491	4,126	1,558	53
12	154	5,222	151	3,293	1,368	471	4,045	1,479	29
13	165	5,096	149	3,257	1,359	465	3,903	1,394	53
14	141	4,879	130	2,959	1,223	471	3,736	1,362	59
15	127	4,464	130	2,788	1,227	397	3,507	1,204	57
Unknown	<20	56	<20	53	<20	<20	51	<20	<20