

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

Outputs 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W138-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Will those who receive Newstart, Austudy or other allowances as a result of the *Welfare to Work* changes be eligible for the pensioner tax offset?

Answer:

Recipients of social security benefits, such as Newstart Allowance and Austudy, are not eligible for the Pensioner Tax Offset. They are eligible for the Beneficiary Tax Offset if the total social security benefit paid to them in a financial year exceeds the tax-free threshold. This arrangement will not change.