

**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: W159-06

Question:

Senator Wong provided in writing:

Re: Welfare to Work, increasing participation of VLTU:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the expenses for all components of this item in the Budget Statement (broken down into each employment or other program, and each income support payment) for each of the years from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

Answer:

(a) The estimated costs of changes to employment programmes administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of very long term unemployed measure are:

	Estimated Programme Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
Very long term unemployed - Service:				
Vocational Rehabilitation	23.534	19.971	21.791	65.296
Open Employment Services	6.665	12.995	12.399	32.059
Personal Support Programme	7.842	6.654	7.261	21.757
Work for the Dole	30.580	30.580	30.580	91.740
Job Network	22.312	33.069	44.358	99.739

Note: ¹ Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the three years and the total figure due to rounding.

² There are no administered costs for services in 2005-06.

The estimated changes to income support payments administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations as a result of the Welfare to Work, increasing participation of very long term unemployed measure are:

Very long term unemployed – Income Support Payment:	Estimated Payment Cost (\$m)			
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	3 Year Total
Disability Support Pension	16.289	47.893	79.650	143.832
Newstart	-18.354	-64.869	-120.664	-203.887
Wage Assist (to be administered by Job Network)	7.402	27.819	59.620	94.841

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² There are no administered costs for income support payments in 2005-06.