

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome/Agency 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0026_10

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Claims for Newstart and Youth Allowance (other)

The number of new claims for Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) for each of the last 3 months compared with the same periods 12 months previously, and the numbers of claims granted, with state and national breakdowns.

Answer

Tables 1 and 2 show the number of claims for Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) received and granted in the months of March, April and May 2009 compared to March, April and May 2008, by State and nationally.

Table 1: Newstart Allowance claims (Centrelink Administrative Data)

Number of claims	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
March 2008										
Total	543	19,487	1,310	12,973	4,311	1,391	13,222	4,950	225	58,412
Granted	302	11,283	679	7,454	2,649	866	7,553	2,887	118	33,791
April 2008										
Total	495	20,898	1,158	13,099	4,939	1,573	14,825	5,245	263	62,495
Granted	312	12,311	619	7,653	3,072	1,008	8,751	3,148	112	36,986
May 2008										
Total	540	21,142	1,134	13,309	5,078	1,703	15,704	5,578	256	64,444
Granted	302	12,482	626	7,756	3,141	1,092	9,141	3,370	111	38,021
March 2009										
Total	704	31,921	1,566	26,115	6,669	2,134	25,644	9,918	318	104,989
Granted	439	18,966	938	15,691	4,193	1,446	14,693	6,170	144	62,680
April 2009										
Total	682	29,715	1,339	22,709	6,313	1,939	24,285	9,204	295	96,481
Granted	404	17,462	755	13,469	3,982	1,303	13,493	5,699	125	56,692
May 2009										
Total	669	28,689	1,334	20,904	6,030	2,056	23,242	9,172	231	92,327
Granted	391	16,585	779	12,315	3,858	1,401	13,218	5,755	104	54,406

Table 2: Youth Allowance (other) claims (Centrelink Administrative Data)

Number of claims	STATE									National
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Unknown	
March 2008										
Total	145	5,612	600	4,519	1,225	391	3,503	1,554	136	17,685
Granted	47	2,181	266	1,651	494	174	1,159	608	30	6,610
April 2008										
Total	163	5,741	542	4,362	1,290	405	3,530	1,843	190	18,066
Granted	61	2,469	225	1,773	566	181	1,342	658	44	7,319
May 2008										
Total	173	5,981	458	4,361	1,413	428	3,829	1,802	167	18,612
Granted	61	2,578	211	1,807	646	214	1,489	702	28	7,736
March 2009										
Total	247	8,150	533	7,410	1,606	524	5,054	2,583	138	26,245
Granted	75	3,324	240	3,016	659	257	1,815	1,065	23	10,474
April 2009										
Total	205	7,325	493	6,457	1,580	497	4,726	2,629	147	24,059
Granted	59	2,917	229	2,585	677	244	1,632	1,079	29	9,451
May 2009										
Total	183	6,780	450	5,902	1,442	498	4,656	2,644	138	22,693
Granted	66	2,854	190	2,423	622	281	1,763	1,121	28	9,348